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Canada develops 'bomb sniffer'

OTTAWA, Aug. 27 (R) — Canadian researchers have developed a compact "bomb sniffer" that can detect explosives within minutes.
 A spokesman for the transport department said Thursday that the device, developed over three years, could be ready for sale within 18 months. The spokesman, who declined for security reasons to say how the device worked, said it was "portable, compact, cheap and sensitive." It will detect most explosives in a very short time.

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Paris offers planes For Peking air force

PARIS, Aug. 27 (R) — France has decided to sell its most advanced fighter, the Mirage 2000, to China and negotiations have started in Peking, Defense Minister Charles Hernu said Friday. China has for some time been pressing to buy the Mirage but French officials have consistently said that there have been no plans to sell them to China.
 China has been eager to update its ageing air force because most of its fighter bombers are Soviet-built MiG 17s and MiG 19s, 20 years old and obsolete in terms of modern warfare.

Somalia gets U.S. weapons

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R) — The United States is airlifting extra military equipment to Somalia in response to renewed attacks from Ethiopia and Ethiopian-supported forces, a State Department spokesman said Thursday night.
 "This provides a clear demonstration of our concern over this situation and our action to support Somalia against external attack," he said. The spokesman declined to specify what equipment was sent, but asked if it enhanced Somalia's military capability, he replied: "Certainly."
 Somalia's President Muhammad Siad Barre on an official U.S. visit earlier this year requested more American military and economic aid. This year assistance to Somalia totaled about \$80 million and President Reagan has requested \$90 million for 1983.
 Since the 1977 war with Ethiopia over the Ogaden, there has been an influx of refugees into Somalia putting a strain on the country's finances. Both Cuba and the Soviet Union have backed Ethiopia in the conflict.
 Somalia says Ethiopian troops are involved in the current fighting, while Ethiopia says its forces are not involved and that the Somalis are being attacked by dissidents based in Addis Ababa.

French extremist to surrender

PARIS, Aug. 27 (AP) — Jean-Marie Rouillan, founder and leader of France's most feared extremist group, Direct Action, has written to the authorities saying he plans to surrender, police said Thursday.
 In a letter to Assistant Criminal Brigade Commissioner Claude Canes, the 31-year-old fugitive said he was prepared to "take responsibility" for his actions and turn himself in when his lawyer returns from vacation. Police declined to say when they received the letter or when the lawyer was expected to return to Paris, but they said the letter had been authenticated.
 Rouillan was wanted for questioning in connection with the wave of terrorism that has killed nine persons and wounded more than 50 others in France since July 20. A warrant for his arrest was issued two weeks ago after the daily newspaper *Libération* published an interview quoting Rouillan as saying Direct Action had been responsible for three recent non-fatal terrorist attacks in Paris and denying reports that Direct Action had disbanded.
 In the interview, Rouillan also denied any connection with the machine-gun massacre of six persons in Paris' main Jewish neighborhood Aug. 9. Twenty-two persons were wounded in that attack. A telephone caller identifying himself as Rouillan claimed responsibility for a bombing last Sunday near Paris' Eiffel Tower, in which a police bomb-disposal expert was killed and another bomb squad member severely injured. The attack apparently was aimed at a U.S. Embassy Commercial Attache Roderick Grant, who lived in the neighborhood.

Iraq plane flies over Tehran

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — An Iraqi plane flew low over Tehran Friday and broke the sound barrier before being chased off by Iranian fighters, Tehran radio said.
 Anti-aircraft batteries opened up and air-raid sirens blared as thousands of worshippers attending a Friday prayer rally in the capital watched the sky. Some ran for cover. Last month, during the Iran attack on Iraq, a Friday prayer rally was bombed in the western city of Hamedan in a raid which killed or wounded several hundred persons.
 Iraqi planes bombed the Iranian capital at the start of the 23-month-old Gulf war, but since then, the city's air defenses have been improved. Iraq has stepped up its air attacks on Iranian cities in recent days, threatening to wipe out oil facilities at Kharg Island, Iran's main oil terminal in the Gulf.
 Iraq says it has bombed Kharg twice in the past two weeks but Iran has not confirmed the bombings and reports that the situation on the island is normal.
 Meanwhile, maritime insurers in England have tripled their minimum war risks insurance rate for cargoes of oil tankers using Iran's main oil terminal at Kharg Island because of Iraqi bombing threats. The decision was taken by the war risks committee of the Institution of London Insurers following a similar move earlier this week on the insurance to be paid on the tankers themselves.
 The minimum rate, now up from one to three percent of the value of the tankers and their cargoes, applies to Kharg Island and the neighboring zone west of longitude 50.25 degrees east. The war risks insurance in the rest of Iran's waters remains at 0.25 percent.
 A VLCC (very large crude carrier) weighing more than 200,000 tons (deadweight) now has to pay a minimum war risks insurance of \$600,000 for the vessel and more than \$1.5 million for the cargo. The increased insurance costs will add to the cost of Iranian oil and make it less competitive, although oil market operators noted that negotiations for several Iranian oil consignments were currently in progress.

Private cop claims Monroe's tapes

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27 (APF) — A Los Angeles private detective claimed Friday to have tapes of Marilyn Monroe's telephone conversations that show that she was murdered — and did not commit suicide — because she was about to reveal state secrets.
 The detective, Milo Speriglio, said during a news conference that he would turn the tapes over to the justice department. He added that he would soon be able to disclose who murdered the actress, who died Aug. 5, 1962. He did not disclose the contents of the tapes.
 Lionel Grandison, the coroner's physician who examined Miss Monroe's body, added during the news conference that he had been pressured into saying that she committed suicide from an overdose of barbiturates.

Turkish diplomat assassinated

OTTAWA, Aug. 27 (AP) — A man was shot and killed here Friday in his car bearing diplomatic plates, the royal Canadian mounted police said.
 Radio reporters on the scene in a western district of the city said the man, a black, was hit by gunfire that exploded through the window of the passenger side of vehicle at 9:30 a.m. (130 GMT). Death apparently occurred instantly.
 First reports were that the man was in the back seat of the car. Police were said to be searching for a late-model Toyota occupied by a young man described as being five-foot-nine-inches in height, dark-haired and in his late 20s. The body had not been removed from the car when reporters arrived. Police

U.S. spurns Jordan option

Palestinian right stressed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — The U.S. State Department Friday rejected the contention of Israeli leaders that Jordan should be considered a Palestinian state and homeland.
 Department spokesman John Hughes commented that the United States had "a commitment to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Jordan." This comment amounted to a "loud no" to recent statements by certain Israeli leaders, State Department officials said.
 Observers believed Hughes was reacting especially against an article by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir in *The Washington Post* Friday.
 He wrote: "Jordanian and Palestinian leaders have declared many times that Jordan is Palestine and that Jordanians and Palestinians are one people. The problem therefore is not one of granting self-determination to the Palestinians, because they have already exercised it in eastern Palestine (Jordan). We are not dealing with a homeless people that need a homeland of their own."
 U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz stressed in his first press conference six days ago the importance of taking into account "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."
 Shultz said Israel should withdraw from at least part of the occupied Arab territories as part of a final peace settlement. These differences of opinion probably will crop up when Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon meets here Friday with Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Sharon reportedly advocates giving Jordan to the Palestinians instead of allowing a Palestinian state on the Israeli-occupied Jordan West Bank.
 President Ronald Reagan underscored that a lasting peace in the Middle East depended on action "to resolve the Palestinian problem in all its aspects."
 Meanwhile, in Cairo, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Egypt will not resume Palestinian autonomy negotiations with Israel unless Israeli forces withdraw from Lebanon.
 In an interview with the semi-official *Al-Ahram*, Ali said Israeli "withdrawal from Lebanon is a condition for resuming Middle East peace efforts." Negotiations on self-rule for 1.5 million Palestinians on the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza have been suspended for more than a year because of differences between Egypt and Israel on the extent of powers the Palestinians would enjoy. Egypt wants them to enjoy wide powers while Israel is offering restricted autonomy.
 Ali, who is also deputy prime minister, said Israel and the United States, the third party in the autonomy talks, should recognize the Palestinian peoples right to self-determination. *Al-Ahram* said Egypt was making a detailed assessment of the Middle East in the light of the evacuation of Palestinians from Beirut.
 Ali was restating Egypt's position as outlined by President Hosni Mubarak in an article published in *The Washington Post* Monday. Mubarak said Egypt would find it "most difficult" to resume the autonomy negotiations with Israel unless Washington agreed to giving self-determination to the Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza.

Gemayel wants Muslim rapport

BEIRUT, Aug. 27 (APF) — Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel said Thursday that it was up to his compatriots "to settle their own internal problems".
 Speaking to the press following a meeting with U.S. envoy Philip Habib, Gemayel added that he hoped a dialogue between Lebanese Christians and Muslims "will begin as soon as possible, preferably in the next two or three days." The Phalangist Christian leader said that if the Lebanese were unable to sit together around the same negotiating table, "neither Habib nor any other person will be able to help us get together. Habib has enough problems with the Israelis, the Palestinians and the Syrians," he added.

Weinberger to visit M.E.

SANTA BARBARA, California, Aug. 27 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger will fly to Beirut Tuesday to meet with U.S. Marines there and then go on to Egypt and Israel to confer with the leaders of those countries, it was announced Friday.

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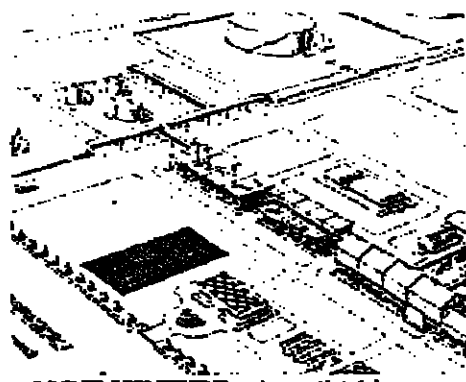
By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — Trade and economic cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Japan is growing rapidly keeping pace with the fast industrial development in the Kingdom. Japan's exports to the Kingdom registered a 22.1 percent growth to \$3.28 billion in the first six months of this year over the same period last year. Exports to the Kingdom in 1981 were higher by 21 percent compared to the performance of the previous year.

Monthly exports from Japan show a continuous upward trend until March, 1982. Figures start declining in the second quarter, but performance was still better compared to that of April-June last year. "Saudi Arabia supplies nearly 35 percent of our oil requirements," said Michio Hirano, counselor and chief of the economic and commercial section at the Japanese embassy here. He told *Arab News* that Japan's oil imports from the Kingdom also witnessed a sustained rise in the first quarter of this year to total \$6.26 billion against \$5.87 billion in the same period last year.

During the second quarter, however, oil imports declined to \$4.93 billion from the \$5.23 billion April-June, 1981, mark. Thus, the oil imports during January-June this year totaled \$11.19 billion against \$11.10 billion in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 0.7 percent.

Hirano said the major share of cooperation between the two countries has so far been in economic fields. A \$1.534 billion contract was signed last year between the Eastern Petrochemicals company, (Sharq), an affiliate of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corpora-



JOINT VENTURE: An artists' impression of the SABIC-Japanese consortium methanol plant.

tion (SABIC), and the Chiyoda Chemical Engineering and Construction Co. Ltd. for engineering and constructing a petrochemical complex in Jubail. The \$270 million Saudi Methanol Company in Jubail also has Japanese participation.

Under an accord signed in January this year with the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) Japan has designed the workshop and institute for the corporation. The Japanese also will help establish a research institute and a vocational workshop for the Saudi staff near an SWCC desalination plant in Yanbu.

Work on the Riyadh Electronic Institute, for which Japan has designed and planned special of machines, equipments and systems, is going on and "we wish to receive trainees from the Saudi government 'staff,'" Hirano said. Since 1979, every year Japanese experts have been sent to draw a map for the Kingdom and also assist the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization to establish electronic standards.

Since 1975, Japan has sent about 200 experts in various fields to the Kingdom. Also, by March of this year, Saudi government employees sent to Japan for training numbered 287. The Japanese authorities offered 60 different courses for these officials in the fields of telephones, electronics, mechanical engineering and telecommunications, Hirano added.

"There are more than 20 private sector joint ventures between the two countries and about 110 Japanese companies operate in Saudi Arabia," he said.

Japan's exports to the Kingdom during the first three months of this year totaled \$1.60 billion against \$1.22 billion last year. In the second quarter, the figure shifted to \$1.68 billion against the \$1.46 billion of the same period last year. Thus, exports in the first half this year totaled \$3.28 billion against \$2.68 billion last year. Total exports stood at \$5.88 billion last year.

This has helped Japan to slightly bring down its trade deficit with Saudi Arabia to \$7.91 in the first half of this year compared to \$8.42 billion during the same period last year.

Trade between the two countries, since they signed an on economic and technical cooperation agreement in 1975, has grown considerably. The balance of trade surplus, in favor of the Kingdom, also increased year after year. Japan's exports in 1975 totaled \$1.351 billion against oil imports from Kingdom valued at \$6.135 billion — a deficit of \$4.784 billion. In 1976 the deficit widened to \$5.935 billion and in 1977 it reached \$6.163 billion. After a decline in 1978 to \$5.206 billion, the deficit jumped to \$8.305 billion in 1979, went up further to \$14.683 billion in 1980 and to a record level of \$15.607 billion last year. This was mainly because Japan's exports increased gradually from \$3.254 billion in 1978 to \$5.876 billion last year, while its oil imports recorded a phenomenal growth from \$8.460 billion in 1978 to \$21.483 billion last year.

The analysis of trade during last two years shows that Japan's imports from the Kingdom in 1981 totaled \$21.482 billion (\$21.474 billion mineral fuels including crude oil and petroleum products and \$8 million other items) compared to \$19.538 billion (\$19.534 billion mineral fuels and \$3.8 million other items) in the previous year, an increase of 9.95 percent.

Japan's exports totaled \$5.876 billion last year against \$4.855 billion in the previous year, recording an increase of 21 percent. The commodity-wise breakdown of exports last year with 1980 figures in brackets is as follows (in millions \$): Foodstuff, 151.3 (145.9); textile and textile goods, 466 (442.4); non-metallic products, 131.8 (121.4); metal and metallic products, 1,060.5 (978.2); chemical products, 39.1 (28.6); machinery and equipments, 3,695.1 (2,835.3); and others, 332.6 (303.8).

22 KAU students to train in Japan

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — A group of 22 engineering students from the King Abdul Aziz University will receive a two-month training course in Japan this year, according Japanese embassy sources here. *Arab News* learnt that a group of the students left for Japan earlier this week for electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering training. Another group, for training in civil and architectural engineering, will leave next week.

Under the economic and technical cooperation agreement with Saudi

Arabia, the Japanese government invites some students from the Kingdom every year for on-the-job training. Japan bears the expenses. This arrangement began in 1979 and Japan has invited 30 students each in 1979 and 1980. The number was raised to 40 in 1981 and this year.

The courses offered in 1979 and 1980 comprised of 10 students each for electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering. Five students each for civil engineering and architectural engineering were added since last year.

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King to open army hospital Tuesday

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — King Fahd will formally inaugurate Tuesday the new Armed Forces Hospital here. The hospital, which has been operating for the last three months, has 176 beds and four departments — surgery, internal diseases, pediatrics and maternity.

Dr. Abdul Hameed Sulaiman the hospital's director, announcing the "happy" inaugural function, said the hospital has 134 doctors, of whom 40 percent are Saudi Arabians and another 38 under training. Its current staff of 1,300 will be increased shortly to 1,500, Sulaiman said. A group of doctors has been sent abroad for specialization.

The hospital has a department for normal, ultrasonic vibration, nuclear and computer X-ray analysis. Its laboratory has a division for analysis, a blood bank, a hormones division, an organ anatomy division and a microanalysis division. Sulaiman said work will begin within a few days at the kidney wash, intensive care, preventive medicine, aviation medicine and the heart clinic units. The aviation medicine unit has two doctors, one at the

hospital and the other a resident at the local air base. The heart clinic has 13 beds, the hospital director said.

Outpatient clinics cover internal, psychiatric, heart and general surgery specializations. The general surgery department has specialized units for urinary tracks, plastic, bone, nose, ear, throat, eye and dental operations and a gynecology unit.

Saudi Arabia to treat injured Palestinians

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — King Fahd decreed Thursday night that Palestinians who were injured during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon could be treated at the Kingdom's hospitals or abroad at Saudi Arabia's expense.

The King, in a special message to Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, sought information about the places where the injured Palestinians would be treated.

Child and brain surgery units are to open shortly, Dr. Sulaiman said, pointing out that the number of outpatients checking with the hospital has already reached 20,000 a month.

The hospital also has four affiliate clinics at the air defense school, the regional command, the air base and naval base. According to Sulaiman, the hospital also trains 39 final year female students of King Abdul Aziz University's college of medicine and doctors of various specializations. Male and female nurses also receive training at the hospital.

The hospital conducts a training program for military technicians in its various departments. The program, which lasts between one and one-and-a-half years, includes an English language course at the Armed Forces Hospital of Khams Mushayt.

Dr. Sulaiman said the hospital has organized a health education program to increase patient awareness, especially for women's sicknesses and maternity, through pamphlets and educational films. The hospital publishes a quarterly medical magazine which specializes in pediatrics. It has recently published a scientific book on maternity and child care, he added.

The hospital has a plan for emergency situations. It provides housing for the 1,300 staff at the hospital site, in addition to a 64 unit housing for doctors working at the air base. Dr. Sulaiman said that the hospital has been equipped with the latest and sophisticated medical devices on the instructions of King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah and Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan.

Over backing Israeli invasion

U.S. residents cable concern to Reagan

By Gregory Llewellyn
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Aug. 27 — A group of Americans in the Eastern Province have cabled President Ronald Reagan to express their concern over the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and, in particular, the indiscriminate bombardment and blockade of West Beirut.

The cable, which went on to voice outrage at the use of U.S.-supplied weapons during the invasion in apparent violation of the U.S. laws governing their use, urged Reagan to use "all political and practical means to ensure a speedy cessation to hostilities in Lebanon."

In a groundswell of support, the signatures of 970 American citizens were secured in a period of two days and

appended to the cable where they were listed in three columns for a total cable length of five feet.

Copies of the cable, the original of which was sent to the U.S. president through Secretary of State George Schultz, were dispatched to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Charles Percy (R-Ill.), and Speaker of the House of Representatives Tip O'Neill (D-Mass.).

Buoyed by their success in collecting signatures for the cable, the Americans, who banded together under the catalytic effect of a letter published last month in *Arab News* by Henry Rieger, have made a copy of the Reagan cablegram available to U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Richard Muroh.

The letter which accompanies this copy urges Murphy to "convey to American leaders the fact that many Americans here are profoundly disturbed over the bloodshed in Lebanon and over its wider implications for the image of the United States in the region."

It goes on to add: "We would be solidly behind decisive new directions in U.S. policy for the whole area, based on a just peace for all its people and balanced approach to the Palestine problem. We believe that rigorous and consistent implementation of a coherent policy is urgently needed, not only to foster peace in the area, but also to promote America's interest in this important part of the world."

BRIEFS

JEDDAH. — Fighting pollution and protecting environment has been entrusted to the Meteorology and Environment Protection Administration (MEPA) with the blessings of Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and defense and aviation minister, according to *Okaz* Friday.

BAHA. (SPA) — Baha's summer schools for the memorization of the Holy Quran held a ceremony Thursday to mark the end of its activities for this year. The ceremony was presided over by the emir of Baha, Ibrahim Abdul Aziz bin Ibrahim.

JEDDAH. (SPA) — Jacques Roy, Canada's ambassador to the Kingdom, left here Thursday for home after the end of his mandate. He was seen off at the airport by Hussein Marzouqi, assistant chief of the foreign ministry protocol, and Canadian embassy staff.

JEDDAH. — The Traffic Directorate General celebrates next week the graduation of 102 officers who completed a two-and-a-half-year course in the United States and a further six-month session in the Kingdom. Public Security Director Gen.

UAE to host GCC information meeting

RIYADH, Aug. 27 (SPA) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host a three-day conference of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) information undersecretaries Sept. 1-4 to discuss setting up a Gulf broadcasting station, a Saudi newspaper reported. The *Al-Massaya*, published here, quoting a despatch from Abu Dhabi said Thursday that the officials will also review coordination between foreign and information ministries in "view of the close links between information and foreign policy."

ADS organizes introductory courses for computer users

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 27 — A national computer systems company is progressing with training courses to meet the demand for people who know about computers created by the wide-scale use of this technology in government and private businesses in Saudi Arabia during the last few years.

Arabian Data Systems (ADS), the largest Saudi Arabian owned, based and managed computer systems company, offers various computer training programs in addition to the comprehensive systems management, consultancy and educational services, said ADS Chairman Dr. Sami Muhammad Zaidan.

"Our mission is to help the computer user to reap the maximum benefits from his powerful technological tool. Foremost in this mission is adapting all educational methods so they maintain the cherished cultural traditions of the Kingdom," he said. He told *Arab News*, that the number of computers installed in government and private businesses in the Kingdom has grown dramatically in the last few years, creating a major need for people to know more about computers. The courses offered by ADS are designed to provide the participant most practical information available to gain a working knowledge of computers and their uses. The concepts of computers are reinforced by simple programming exercises in the basic language.

ADS has a proven record in Saudi Arabia. Some of its projects include computer system and facilities management for the new Jeddah International Airport; installation and operation of computer systems at Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry; installation and operation of computer systems for Brown Boveri in Yanbu; operation of the meteorological and environmental protection administration data center in Jeddah; and education projects for Saudi Ports Authority.

Zaidan said his company, established in 1978, offers a phased approach to computer education and training. Students are first tested for English language skills and programming aptitudes. Those who show aptitude for computing careers enter the "computer concepts" course offered in English at the ADS Institute in Saudi Arabia. The four-week course includes text and related program materials and practical training in addition to the use of videos, color slides and overhead transparencies to facilitate understanding. The course covers an introduction to elec-



(Photo by K.K. Ahmed)

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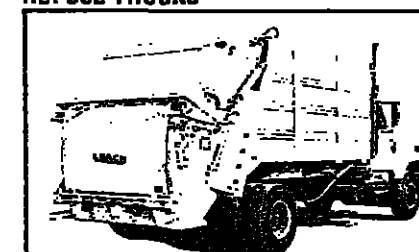
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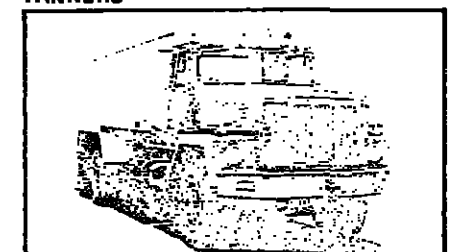
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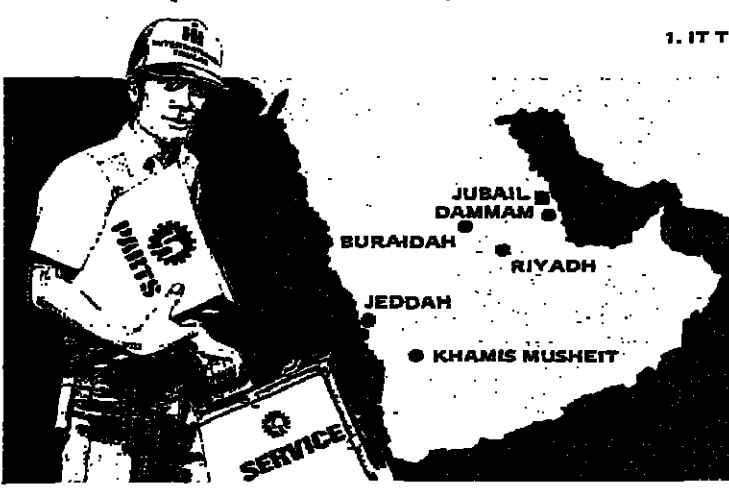
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West Beirutis return as peace forces deploy

BEIRUT, Aug. 27 (AP) — Thousands of West Beirut residents who fled during Israel's bombing raids jammed the crossing points between the capital's eastern and western sectors Thursday as multinational peacekeeping forces deployed in the city.

Traffic at the Galerie Semaan, the main artery between East and West Beirut, was backed up several kilometers, blocking the Beirut-Damascus highway. Avenue Abdullah Yaff, which passes Lebanese Army, Christian militia and Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) checkpoints near the old National Museum, was clogged with pickup trucks and cars piled high with household belongings and suitcases.

"I think the Beirut war is now over, so we are going back," said air conditioning technician, Muhammad Al-Masry. "During the war we were on the east side. Now we are going back and I hope it is forever."

More than 150,000 people are believed to have fled their Beirut homes since Israeli forces encircled the western sector where more than 600,000 people lived before the Israeli

invasion.

With the evacuation of Palestinian commandos from West Beirut during the past seven days and the deployment of most of the multinational peacekeeping force from France, Italy and the United States, some of the refugees said they felt it was safe to return home.

"There are so many troops — international troops, and security is complete," said Sami Shattillah, a teacher who was returning with his wife and two daughters from East Beirut.

There have been no major clashes between Palestinian fighters and Israeli troops in the city since the start of the evacuation last Saturday, although Israeli military command in Tel Aviv said one Israeli soldier was killed by sniper fire near the museum last Tuesday. But there has been almost nightly shooting as the Palestinians or leftist gunmen light up the sky with phosphorous-tipped tracer bullets as part of their round-the-clock send-off of Palestinian evacuees.

"It's finished, the war is finished. I hope," said Arif Hilawi, a merchant who said he was returning home after spending 70 days in Tripoli in northern Lebanon.

"All the people I know told me that when the Palestinians go out, it'll be finished," said Hilawi whose three children struggled to prevent a pile of suitcases at the back of their car from falling out them.

But other people waiting for their vehicles to be inspected by Lebanese Army troops at an intersection where an Israeli tank was parked in the corner gasoline station, were reluctant to cite the PLO departure as their reason for returning.

"Suddenly yesterday we decided to come," said Abdullah Sarraf, a 51-year-old airline employee who said he left Beirut Aug. 6 for Aley in the mountains southeast of the city.

Tunisia prepares to welcome Arafat

TUNIS, Aug. 27 (R) — A seaside palace surrounded by ornamental gardens and palm trees was being prepared Friday as the new home of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Some 1,100 of his fighters in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) are due to arrive in Tunisia early on Saturday. They will be met with a full-scale welcome headed by President Habib Bourguiba.

Arafat himself is not due till an unspecified later date. He has said he will not leave Beirut until the last of his fighters has quit the embattled city to take up their new homes in the Arab world.

The residence being prepared for Arafat is called the Assada Palace at La Marsa, about 25 kms north of Tunis. Queen Elizabeth of England stayed there during her visit to Tunisia in 1980, and it is normally reserved for President Bourguiba's guests.

The commandos will be housed at a camp now being set up in the grounds of an agricultural college at Oued Zagua, on Tunisia's fertile agricultural plain, about 115 kms away from the palace.

Tunisian Army engineers Friday were fitting out the college building with showers, games rooms, kitchens and sleeping quarters for about 300 of the Palestinians. The others will be put in tents nearby. Bulldozers have scraped out a playing field to help fill their leisure hours.

The commandos will arrive here aboard the Cypriot ship *Sol Phryne* which will be escorted as far as Tunisian territorial waters by two warships, one American, the other French.

In South Lebanon

UNRWA to rebuild refugee camps

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — A United Nations agency, with Israel's reluctant approval, will rebuild gutted refugee camps in South Lebanon for as many as 40,000 Palestinians displaced by Arab-Israeli wars, an Israeli cabinet minister said Thursday.

Israel reversed its objections to rehousing the refugees near its northern border after the Lebanese government flatly refused to allocate land for new camps farther northward, said Yaacov Meridor, the Israeli minister in charge of relief projects in Lebanon.

Meridor said the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which has been pressing to re-enter the refugee camps obliterated by Israeli invasion forces, will begin reconstruction work in about two weeks with the arrival of the first shipment of thousands of tents. Both the

Israeli and Lebanese governments see the reconstruction as an undesirable stopgap measure until the refugees can be relocated. The U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) is heading a committee with Lebanon and Israel participating to seek a more permanent solution for the refugees. So far the committee has a fund of \$100 million, half allocated by Congress.

Southern Lebanon was the home of an estimated 300,000 people who were expelled by Israel from Palestine in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. Most were housed and educated in UNRWA camps. The camps were leveled during the first days of Israel's invasion last June.

Meridor estimated that 30,000 Palestinians were left homeless by the invasion, but UNRWA puts the figure at 40,000.

N.Yemen approves national charter

BAHRAIN, Aug. 27 (R) — A North Yemeni General People's Conference Thursday endorsed a national charter for the south Arabian country and decided to set up a 70-member permanent committee to implement it, the official Saudi Press Agency reported from Sanaa. The agency said the assembly, chaired by President Ali Abdullah

Saleh, decided 50 members of the committee would be elected and the others nominated by the country's political leadership.

It gave no details, but last year a North Yemeni government decree said a 1,000-member General People's Conference would be held to approve the charter.

China holds U.S. responsible for Israeli blitz

PEKING, Aug. 27 (AP) — The United States bears responsibility for Israeli aggression in Lebanon and must make all Israeli troops withdraw immediately, China's leading newspaper said Friday. *The People's Daily* praised the Palestine Liberation Organization and called the PLO withdrawal "A noble contribution" to a peaceful solution of the Lebanon crisis.

The newspaper, voice of the Communist Party Central Committee, said the United States has an "unshirkable responsibility" for the Israeli invasion. The United States, it said, "now must take it upon itself to initiate the immediate and complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon, so as to guarantee the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country."

The newspaper warned that Israel should not delay the withdrawal or intervene in Lebanon's internal affairs. It called on the international community to promote a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problems.

In an editorial entitled "Salute to the heroic Palestinian fighters," it said the PLO spared Beirut from a holocaust.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli Air Force Friday began military flights between Tel Aviv and Beirut International Airport. Israeli Army radio reported.

KARACHI (AP) — Ailing Nusrat Bhutto, widow of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, will be allowed to proceed to Europe for her medical treatment "under certain conditions," a highly placed official source in Karachi said Thursday.

ISTANBUL (AP) — Overnight rain storms in Istanbul and Ankara flooded scores of houses in low-lying areas and snarled traffic during rush hours, officials reported Thursday.



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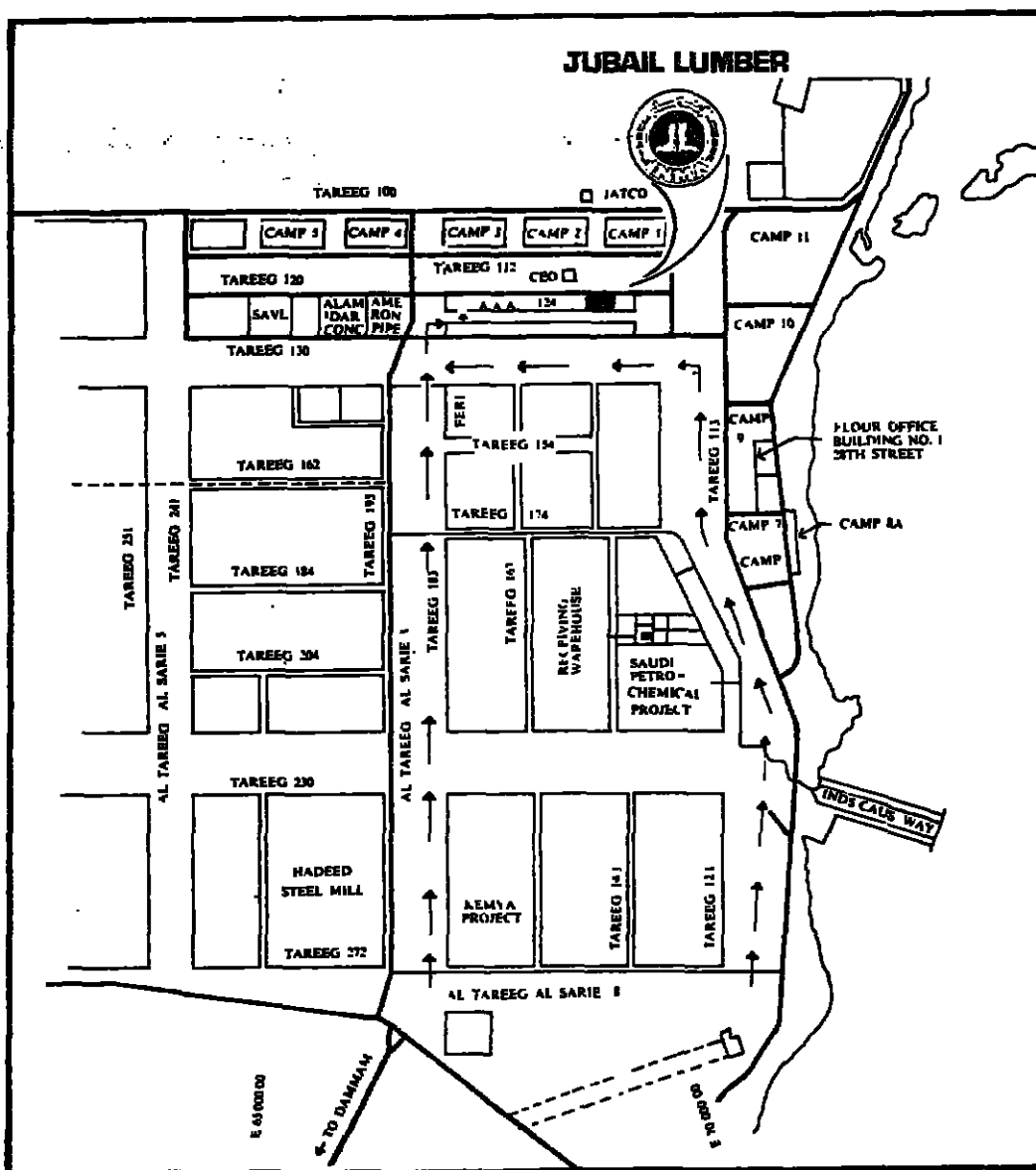
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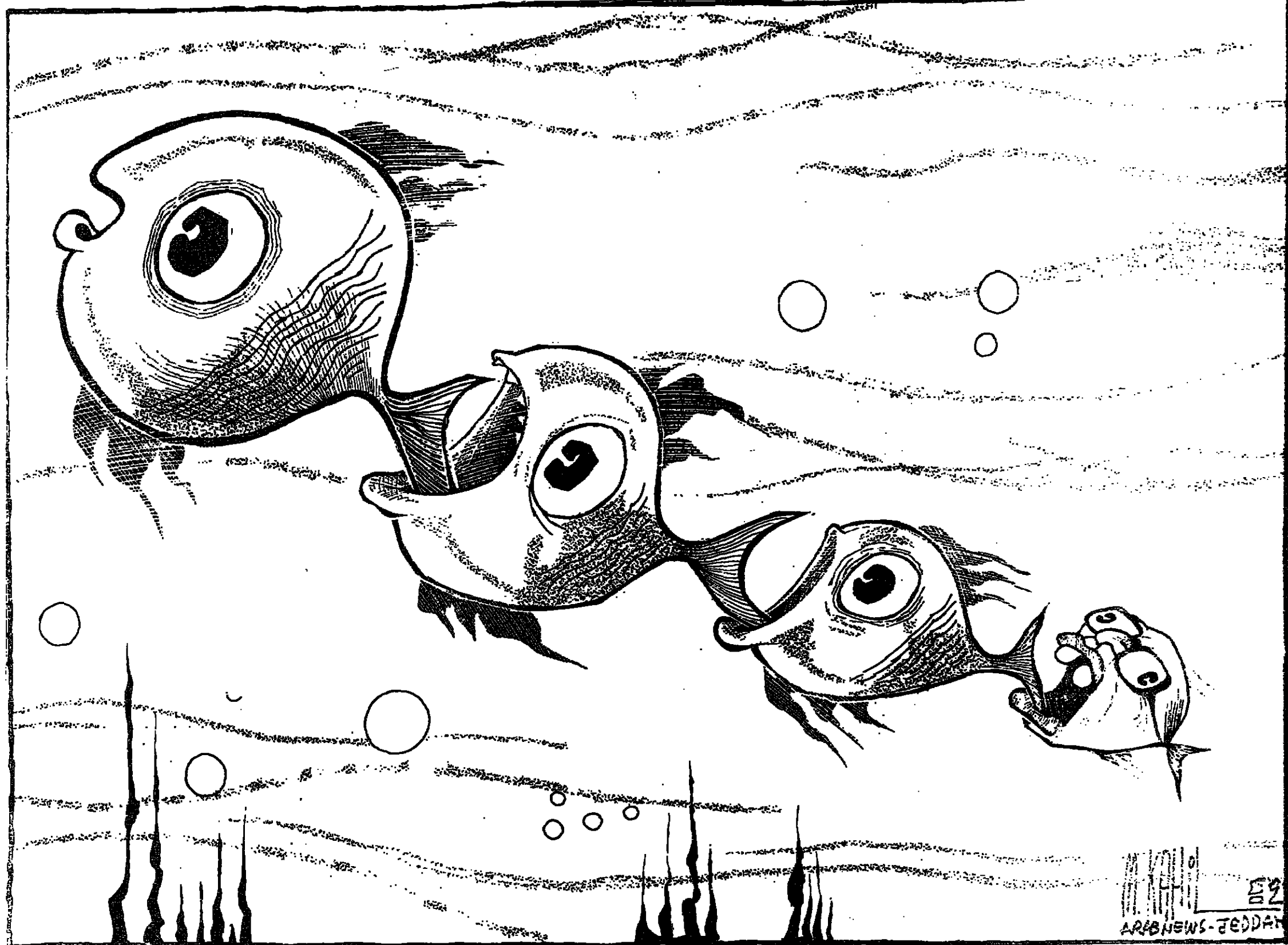
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What next for the PLO ?

By Michael Adams

As I write, the evacuation of the PLO fighters from Beirut continues smoothly. There remain all sorts of uncertainties. Will the Israelis allow the international force which is supervising the evacuation to operate in freedom? What about the families of the fighters, who must number many thousands of women and children and whom the PLO men are unwilling to leave behind them?

The most immediate uncertainty stems from the fear of renewed Israeli bombardment of the city. A few days before the evacuation started last week when the American mediator, Philip Habib, seemed on the point of success, and when both the Lebanese government and the PLO appeared to have accepted his plan, heavy fighting broke out again in Beirut and Israeli planes came back to bomb the southern outskirts of the city. As usual there was argument about who had started the firing, but there was little doubt in anyone's mind that what lay behind it was the Israelis' belief that without this relentless military pressure there could be no certainty that the evacuation would take place as planned.

But the fact that the Israelis, even while they were discussing Habib's plan with him, found it necessary to go on bombing Beirut does underline the quandary in which they have put themselves. The bombardment, with its cruel civilian casualties, has angered the Americans because it hampers the negotiations; and it has so eroded support for Israel in the outside world that even Jewish groups and individuals, including rabbis, members of parliament and university lecturers, have started to voice in public their distaste and in some cases their horror at the actions of the Israeli government.

Without the bombardment, the Israelis were afraid they would not achieve the objective they had set themselves of getting the PLO out of Beirut once and for all. And after all that they have said and done, it would be impossible for Begin and his minister of defense, Ariel Sharon — who is the chief architect of this bloody adventure — to order their troops to withdraw without gaining that objective.

And what then? If the PLO evacuation ends without a major hold-up, will that be the end of the PLO both as a political and as a military organization? I very much doubt it.

After the evacuation, the PLO fighters with their political leadership (which seems so far to have survived the Israeli onslaught virtually intact) will presumably be dispersed among some Arab countries, in much the same way that the rest of the Palestinian population is scattered throughout the Arab world. Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia, Sudan, Algeria, North and South Yemen have all been mentioned as likely destinations.

The governments of all these countries would be sure to keep a close eye on any PLO members to whom they offer hospitality. But the Palestinian national movement has grown so strong as a political force — and its strength will only have been increased by its success in holding off the Israelis in Beirut for two months, despite the enormous disparity in weaponry between them — that it will not be easy, in fact I doubt whether it will be possible, for any government to suppress it.

For one thing, the standing of the PLO and of the cause which it represents is not dependent within the Arab world on the military strength of the organization. What it depends on ultimately is the support and sympathy of the Arab people; and it will have gained rather than lost sympathy as a result of its ordeal in Lebanon and the fact that the Arab governments did not come to its assistance.

So within the Arab world, I believe, the PLO will remain a significant political force and will continue to be the focus for the political aspirations of a Palestinian people more than ever aroused and determined to gain its independence. But what will be more important will be the extent to which the PLO can preserve and if possible strengthen its standing in the world at large, by adapting itself to the change in its circumstances forced upon it by events in Lebanon.

Here I see three possibilities. One is that the PLO, exhausted by the struggle in Lebanon and power-

less, at least for the time being, to exert any physical pressure on Israel, lapses into obscurity. The second is that the PLO as a whole or some of its constituent organizations will resort to the kind of international violence which earned them a bad name in the early 1970s and which Yasser Arafat persuaded them to abandon in favor of the diplomatic battle for recognition and independence.

The third possibility is the one which will require most courage and self-control. It would mean the continuation of that diplomatic battle, in which the PLO had made such gains but which they tried to fight at the same time as they kept up the much less successful armed confrontation with Israel. To continue the diplomatic battle now, with their military capacity destroyed, will seem to some Palestinians a waste of time. Who is going to take any notice of us, they will say, if we have no power, no force, with which to back up our claims? And they may well be right to think like this in a harsh world of realpolitik.

If the Palestinians play their cards right, however, it seems to me that the opposite could be the case. The very fact that the PLO in future — in the near future, at any rate — will not represent a military threat to Israel, or to anyone else, may be a substantial asset for it in its political and diplomatic struggle. It will undermine the principal argument used by the Israelis in opposing Palestinian claims: the argument that if these claims were accepted, the result would be the destruction of Israel. And because the Israelis have pursued their military vendetta with the PLO with such savagery in Lebanon, there is today much more understanding of and sympathy for the political aspirations of the Palestinians.

At the heart of these aspirations is the yearning for a homeland, an independent Palestinian state in Palestine. If the Palestinians, led by the PLO, now concentrate on pursuing this objective by peaceful means, they may find that in losing their military capability they have acquired a political advantage — just at the moment when Israel has forfeited what has always been its greatest asset: the sympathy and friendship of the Western world.

Letters to the editor

Letter disputed

Sir,
The letter of Mohd. Seirawan in your newspaper on Aug. 19 should not go unchallenged in its slanderous attack on the United States.

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4 — "America offers shoddy goods." Is he referring to the Saudi aircraft, or all the Aramco installations, or the thousands of American cars? I don't believe the writer is an Arab. Please spare your readers from such cheap propaganda.

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Treatment of Filipinos

Sir,
My colleagues are so perplexed and dismayed about the poor treatment meted out to Filipino workers in general. We must remember that no two persons are alike. We should not judge them hastily or denounce them all. We should not let innocent people suffer just for the mistakes of others and should remember that these workers come here to help us. Their efficiency ratings are highly regarded throughout the world. We should be thankful to these Filipinos for sharing their experiences in the further development of our Kingdom.

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Today is Saturday, Aug. 28th, the 240th day of 1982. There are 125 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1532 — Suleiman I, sultan of Turkey, ravages Carinthia and Croatia.

1574 — Treaty of Bristol settles commercial disputes between English and Spanish merchants.

1619 — Gabor Bethlen of Transylvania invades Hungary.

1793 — British force under Admiral Alexander Hood occupies Toulon, France.

1833 — British parliament bans slavery throughout British Empire.

1849 — Venice, Italy, submits to Austria after lengthy siege.

1879 — British troops capture Ceteywayo in Zulu war in Africa.

1910 — Montenegro is proclaimed independent kingdom under Nicholas I.

1916 — Italy declares war on Germany during World War I, and Germany declares war on Romania.

1943 — Japanese resistance ends on island of New Georgia in Solomons during World War II.

1973 — Earthquake hits area southwest of Mexico City, Mexico, killing 500 people and injuring 1,000 others.

1975 — France flies troops and police to its Mediterranean island of Corsica to quell demonstrations for autonomy.

1981 — Johnny Hinckley Junior pleads innocent to charges he tried to assassinate U.S. President Ronald Reagan five months earlier.

Thought for today:

A wise man changes his mind, a fool never — Spanish proverb.

WAR OF ATTRITION

Iraq has begun to bomb the oil-rich Iranian oil terminal in Kharg Island in the middle of the Gulf waterway which serves as the conduit for almost all the oil exported by the littoral states. Already, oil tankers have been scared away from the terminal and the London maritime insurance companies have tripled their minimum war risks and surcharges of oil using Kharg.

Even without tripling the rates, few companies will take the risk of sending their tankers to load at the terminal which will deal a serious blow to Iraq's oil exports just as the suspension of exports through the Syrian pipeline earlier this year had adversely affected Iraq's export capacity.

Iraq and Iran have so far failed miserably to reach a peaceful settlement of the disastrous war in the Gulf and there is not much hopeful sign that they would without a decisive military victory for one side or the other. This seems to be out of the question for the time being, giving rise to a catastrophic war of attrition which can only aggravate the sufferings of what were until recently major Islamic states with sound economic and military structures.

But the worst is still to come. It is not going to accept the destruction of its only submarine port, without a violent reaction which may spill over to other areas of the region if it cannot resist in time against Iraq itself. The senseless destruction of resources that may result will dwarf everything else that has been caused by the war unless a determined attempt is made at once to bring about an immediate and honorable end to the war. Already, several hundred thousands of young soldiers and many more civilians have been killed and wounded. The two countries have lost more money than they had earned in the 20 years preceding the war.

Unless the recently-concluded Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference takes it upon itself to mediate an end to the war at any cost, the consequences of the current escalation will be utterly frightful to contemplate.

Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's newspapers called on the Arabs to forget their marginal differences for the sake of their main cause, and said Saturday's planned foreign ministers conference in Morocco should serve as a historic turning point to recover Palestinian rights.

Al-Naba said, "Arab ministers were meeting tomorrow to prepare for an Arab summit at a time developments in the region made it necessary to take practical and effective measures determining the Arabs' future for a long time to come."

"This was because of the serious challenges imposed on them, especially the dangerous designs aimed at stabbing their prime cause in the heart, namely the Palestine cause," it added.

"In view of the current developments, it has become inevitable for the Arabs to unite and forget their marginal differences for the sake of their cause," *Al-Naba* wrote.

The paper affirmed that the world would not respect the Arabs or meet their just demands "unless it felt we are united and adopt a joint stand."

"This is in fact the responsibility of Arab leaders at the Feb summit for which the foreign ministers will be preparing at their meeting tomorrow," it said.

Al-Madineh said that a review

of all that happened in Lebanon, especially West Beirut, and world reaction to this would regrettably indicate the fact that "alliances hostile to Islam and Muslims, both Arabs and non-Arabs, are earnestly seeking to destroy the Islamic world."

It added that the only way to deal with the situation was through unity and deeper cooperation.

Al-Naba dwelt on Saudi Arabia's stand on the Palestine cause, noting that the Kingdom's assistance was not confined to diplomatic, financial, economic or military aspects but also covered the humanitarian side represented in the Palestinian people's right to live in honorable life.

It noted the recent royal decrees issued by King Fahd on medical and educational aid to the Palestinians, saying this only affirmed the Kingdom's efforts in the service of the Palestine cause, including helping in the "formation of a young generation of Palestinians armed with education and capable of carrying out the national struggle."

The paper stressed the proper role of the Saudi Arabi in the current circumstances surrounding the Palestine cause, namely the withdrawal of the commandos from Lebanon," it said. (SPA)

Spain's Socialists confident of winning elections

By Brian Mooney

MADRID — Spain's opposition Socialist Party, confident of winning general elections in the next few months, is drawing up plans for what would be the country's first left-wing government since the 1936-39 civil war. By the standard of other Western Socialist parties, the Spaniards' plans are cautious almost to the point of reading like a blueprint for a mildly reformist social democratic administration.

But in fundamentally conservative Spain, where only seven years ago the Socialist Party was outlawed and persecuted, the perspective is very different. A Socialist government would herald a significant change in Spain whose fledgling parliamentary democracy has not yet fully emerged from the shadow of the late Gen. Francisco Franco.

The Socialists under the moderate leadership of Felipe Gonzalez, a 40-year-old lawyer with the looks and popularity of a film star say they are keenly aware of the vulnerability of Spain's young democracy.

They see last year's attempted military takeover as chilling proof of the threat. Many politicians in Spain, not just the Socialists, argue that the threat will disappear only if the soldiers, reared on victory over the left in the civil war, stay in their barracks in the event of a Socialist victory at the polls.

Most believe that the army will remain loyal to the constitution. The Socialists are clearly hoping to minimize the risks but they know there are some they cannot avoid. They intend to overhaul both the political and military establishments but plan to steer clear of the extreme policies, like nationalization, which could provoke a backlash from the right

and cause major friction.

Considerations about how Spain would fare under a Socialist government have assumed a sense of urgency in recent weeks following a series of public opinion polls predicting that the party would win early general elections. "Elections are won and lost on polling day, but yes, we are preparing to form the next government," Socialist spokesman Helga Soto said.

Predictions of a Socialist victory are based on the assumption that the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD) will continue to fall apart and fail to muster a majority in congress (lower house) for a key budget debate in September or October. This would precipitate elections not normally due until next April and leave the center and right helplessly divided in the face of the Socialists who polled second to the UCD in the last elections in 1979.

Under the slogan "a majority for change," the Socialists are spelling out how they intend to govern Spain. They promise a major shakeup in the state bureaucracy, both structurally and in terms of top personnel. "Our bureaucracy belongs to the Third World. There will be tremendous changes," a party spokeswoman said.

The Socialists have equally ambitious plans for overhauling Spain's armed forces which they say have hardly been touched since the Franco era. The party's deputy leader, Alfonso Guerra, said in a recent interview there were many changes envisaged for the military.

Guerra bluntly accused the UCD of serious errors in promoting senior officers whose loyalty to the constitution was at best questionable. He cited as anomalies the fact that army garrisons in Spain are positioned around the big cities in the interior not at the borders and the continued existence of military

governors ruling side by side with civilian authorities in the regions.

Spain has recently become a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) giving the forces what many observers believed would be a chance to modernize and look outward. But the Socialists, nonetheless, are committed to holding a national referendum on Spain's membership of NATO if they win the elections, even at the risk of disaffection in the barracks.

Another area of potential friction with the military involves a promise by Guerra that the party would reopen the frontier with Gibraltar which Spain closed 13 years ago as part of a campaign to force Britain to surrender its colony. Guerra said it no longer served any purpose to keep the frontier closed — a view which may not be entirely shared by all Spanish Army officers.

On the economic front, the Socialists are promising that there will be no big surprises. They are not planning any wholesale nationalization of industries or banks.

They are not preparing to burden the people with heavier taxes, believing that the present levels of taxation are sufficient — provided they are collected. They are promising to reduce the rate of unemployment, which has risen from 700,000 in 1977 to more than two million, and create more jobs by increasing public expenditures.

Opponents of the Socialists argue that they have no real economic program and that their soft approach is only a screen behind which they are masking more radical projects. Their critics are also afraid that a Socialist government would create exaggerated expectations and encourage demands by workers which could not be realistically met. (R)

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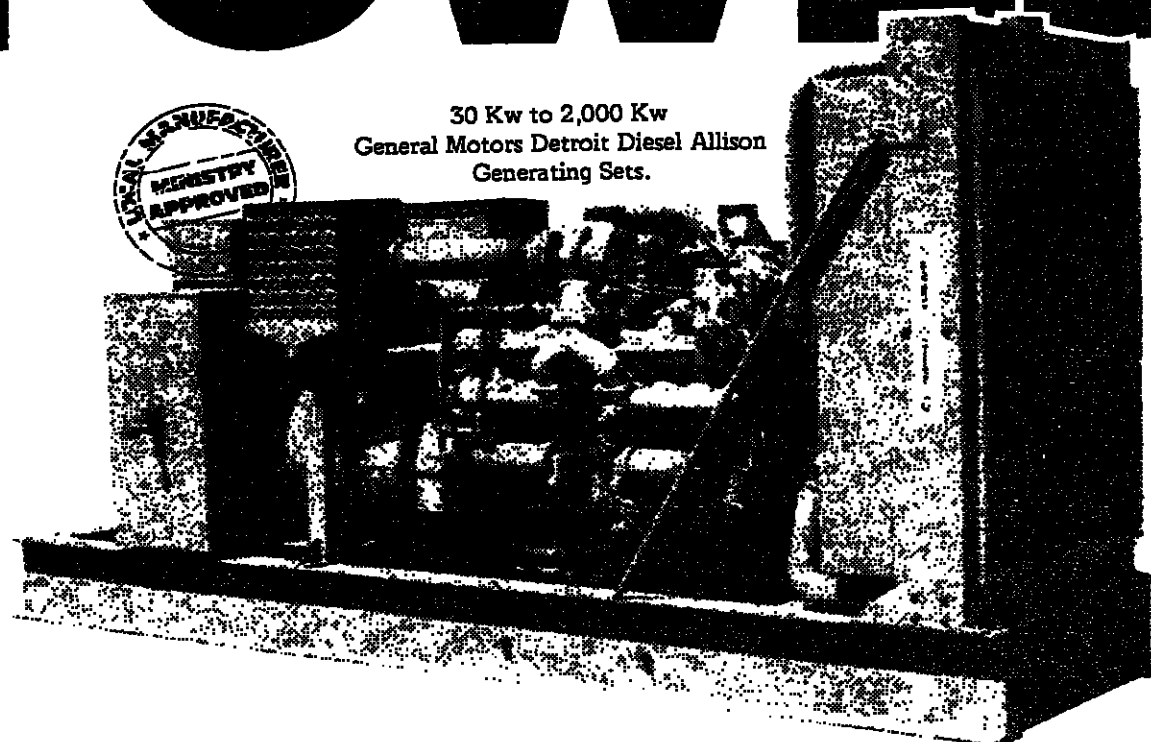
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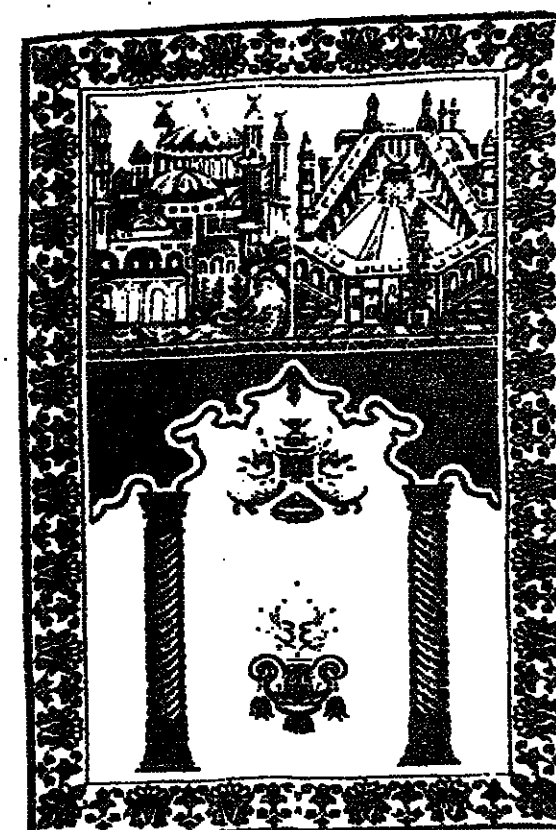
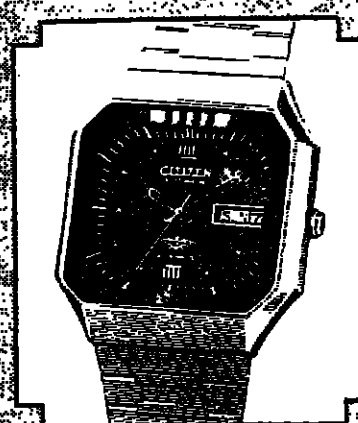


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Many a brush with icy death

Britons awaiting explorers' homecoming

By Alison Maitland

LONDON (R) — "It is a mad and suitably British idea," declared Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, when explorers Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Charles Burton set off three years ago on an epic round the world voyage via both polar caps.

They return to London Sunday and the prince, an expedition patron, will welcome them home after the journey during which they brushed several times with an icy death, saw their fingers and toes split by extreme cold and came face to face with hungry polar bears.

Throughout an admittedly self-imposed ordeal they demonstrated a spirit of fortitude and adventure reminiscent of the great British Antarctic explorers earlier this century — men like Capt. Robert Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton.

The perilous first attempt to circle the earth on its axis began in London in September 1979 when ex-soldiers Sir Ranulph, 38, and Burton, 40, and Oliver Shepard set off down the River Thames in their support ship *Benjamin Bowring*.

Transglobe expedition leader Sir Ranulph — full name Ranulph Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes — was educated at Eton, the prestige school for boys founded in 1440.

Sir Ranulph joined the army, becoming a member of its elite and secretive special air service (SAS). He has explored the white Nile in a hovercraft and written five travel books.

For eight months they sat through the winter darkness on the edge of the Antarctic plateau in cardboard huts in temperatures as low as minus 34 Celsius, setting off in October 1980 across an ocean of ice, much of it unmapped and devoid of landmarks.

The last British explorers to cross this wasteland were Sir Edmund Hillary and Sir Vivian Fuchs in 1958, the latter now an adviser to the transglobe expedition.

The extreme cold split the men's fingers, toes, lips and nostrils despite coatings of salve. During the 47-day, 1,530-km trek to the Pole, Burton plunged into a crevasse on his snowmobile and was saved only by his rope and harness, which the others seized.

Nearly 70 years earlier, Capt. Robert Falcon Scott and the last two of his original four companions died in Antarctic blizzards after being beaten to the South Pole by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen.

Sir Ranulph, Burton and Shepard arrived safely at the Pole on Dec. 14, 1980. After nine months by sea and river north to Canada, they were to face greater hazards on their journey to the top of the world. It was

the stuff children's comics are made of — disaster after disaster created nerve-racking suspense.

Without Shepard, who had dropped out of the expedition, Sir Ranulph and Burton set off last February from the world's most northerly point of habitation — the Alert military base on the Canadian island of Ellesmere.

Sir Ranulph had no illusions about the 830-km trek through continuous darkness to the North Pole. "Nowhere is there so hostile and uncertain a region as the Arctic," he said. "To travel on its broken skin is to court death."

The first setback was a fire at the base camp at Alert that destroyed five of their snowmobiles, stranding them for two days until replacements could be found and flown out to them. Eleven days later, a snowmobile carrying Sir Ranulph plunged through thin ice into the deep Arctic ocean, taking their tent, heating and cooking equipment, maps and charts with it. Sir Ranulph managed to jump clear.

The two men survived by huddling together in a sleeping bag with only a thin flysheet to protect them against minus 26 degrees Celsius of cold.

Equipped with fresh supplies and a new snow vehicle they battled on, only to meet an

arctic heat wave that melted the ice around them and halted them 600 kms from the Pole. It was the mildest arctic winter on record. But by good fortune their ice floe was blown into an ice pack and the two men were able to scramble to safety.

In a near rerun of the 1911 South Pole race, a team led by Norwegian explorer Ragnar Thorseth said it would try to reach the North Pole first by a parallel route. But the melting ice caused problems for the Norwegians too and eventually they had to be evacuated by plane.

The British explorers arrived at the North Pole on April 11, eight weeks after leaving Alert and four days ahead of schedule. But their problems were not over. On the last leg south their supply plane developed engine trouble, stranding them with only four days' rations. Then they drifted on ice floes for 99 days, at one point being blown back north again.

Their camp on the floes was visited by 18 polar bears, which they drove away by banging saucepans and firing warning shots. Then there was a final 16 km dash across melting, jagged ice to the sea and their support ship, *Benjamin Bowring*.

Their 83,000-km expedition had explicit purposes: they set up trade exhibitions en route to promote sales by some of over 1,000 mainly British firms that sponsored them. And they carried out scientific and medical research.

By Peter J.

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BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS VARY

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My blood pressure varies. When I take it at home, the diastolic pressure is usually below 90. When examined by my doctor in his office, my systolic may be 160 and the diastolic higher than 100. I am 62 and otherwise apparently healthy. The question comes up: Shall I need anti-hypertensive drugs. My doctor says NO at this time. All he has prescribed is losing 20 pounds and quitting cigarettes. Under the conditions, don't you think I also need blood pressure medications? — Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. J.: Many recent studies have shown that blood pressure readings often differ when taken at home and in a physician's office. If consistently normal at home, many doctors suggest similar treatment to what your own doctor has advised.

Thomas G. Pickering, M.D. and associates in a *JAMA* article have taken 24-hour readings on an ambulatory recorder. Studies were made of groups of patients with normal pressures and with borderline hypertension and established hypertension.

The recordings in the three groups showed the highest pressures at work and the lowest during sleep. The hypertensive group showed higher readings in the physician's office than at home. They discovered that "in a group of patients whose clinic diastolic BP's were in a range of 90-104mm of mercury, one-third had average 24-hour diastolic BP's of 85mm of mercury or less, and these patients almost certainly do not require treatment." Perhaps your doctor believes that you fall into this class, Mrs. J.

MEDICALETTER

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I'm concerned that I may have harmed my

baby by drinking as much as two cups of coffee daily during the first four months of my pregnancy. I've quit. The question is will there be any birth defects. Am I worrying unnecessarily? — Mrs. E.

Dear Mrs. E.: Here are the conclusions in a study made by Shai Linn, M.D. and associates and published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in an article called, "No Association Between Coffee Consumption and Adverse Outcomes of Pregnancy." These investigators concluded, "Furthermore, there was no excess of malformations among coffee drinkers. These negative results suggest that coffee consumption has a minimal effect, if any, on the outcome of pregnancy." But, they found that low birth weight occurred more often among offspring of women who drank four or more cups of coffee a day and more often among the offspring of smokers.

For Mrs. E.: Here are some interesting facts about dieting brought out in an annual meeting of the Calorie Control Council:

- * One-half of U.S. households contain a dieter.
- * One in every five adult Americans is dieting.
- * The average dieter will attempt three to five dieting efforts per year.
- * 60 percent of all women diet in contrast to 25 percent of men.
- * 70 percent of dieters want to maintain their current weight or lose up to 10 pounds; 30 percent want to lose more than 10 pounds.
- * 15 percent of the United States population consider themselves 30 percent or more overweight.
- * 90 percent of dieters will skip meals, while one in three will try a specific diet or a crash diet.

(Tomorrow: Medication for anxiety)

Venice restoring glory of oldest film festival

By Francoise Maupin

VENICE (AFP) — The world's oldest film festival, Venice's "Mostra", will be celebrating its 50th anniversary when it opens here Saturday, just four months after France's Cannes film festival reached its 35th anniversary.

There has been no shortage of tribulations since the "Mostra" first opened on Aug. 6, 1932, soon after the "talkies" first took a new cinema-going public by storm. For twice in its first half century, it has been killed off. But now its aim is to restore its prestige of the 1950s and 1960s.

The festival died in 1941 as World War II threatened to spread Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union a few months before, and then again in the 1970s when the Italian film world was wracked by ideological debates. But it was launched again in 1979 under the guidance of film director Carlo Lizzani, and for the past four years its "new look" has had an expressed aim of being accessible to all cultural trends as well as restoring former prestige.

New comet in the sky

By Lee Dembart

LAKE OF THE WOODS, California (LAT) — There's a just-discovered comet in the sky these nights, so a cluster of amateur astronomers journeyed recently to a dark spot near the top of Mount Pinos, 100 miles north of Los Angeles, to try to get a good look at it.

Interest in the comet has been growing since June, when Rodney Richard Dacre Austin, an amateur in New Zealand, discovered it in the morning sky and gave it its name, Comet Austin.

Many skywatchers hoped the new comet would be bright and visible, like Halley's Comet, whose return later in this decade they eagerly await. But, still smarting from the Kohoutek Comet fizzle of a few years ago, they didn't want to say too much about it.

Once a month, on the Saturday night after a new moon, when the sky is darkest, several dozen amateur astronomers gather in a large parking lot, 8,831 feet up in the Los Padres national forest, far from city lights.

They arrive in campers, set up their equipment and play tapes of star music while scanning the heavens. If someone turns on a light or, worse yet, headlights, they scowl and shout.

Some look at planets. Jupiter and its moons and Saturn and its rings were clearly visible just after sunset. "It changes every night," said Charles Durham, who has been viewing the sky for 15 of his 50 years. "I never get tired of looking at it."

Others look for familiar objects that tan-

talize the imagination: M13, a ball containing hundreds of thousands of stars, the lagoon nebula, a cloud of hydrogen gas from which new stars condense, the Andromeda galaxy, 2 million light years away.

When the light that was observed Saturday night left the Andromeda galaxy, mas-tadons and sabre-toothed tigers walked the earth.

Bambi Hale, 14, was using her six-inch telescope to observe Messier objects, 103 clusters and nebulas that were catalogued by the Frenchman Messier in 1784.

"I'm hooked on astronomy, at least as a hobby, and maybe as a profession," she said. "She's the astronomer. I'm just the chauffeur," he said. But the big attraction was Comet Austin and, after several tries, it was spotted in the northwest sky, just below the big dipper. A pair of binoculars was mounted on a tripod, and people took turns looking at the comet, a small fuzzy object, like a cotton ball.

Some said they could see the tail pointing back up toward the big dipper. The tail is created when escaping gases from the sun — the so-called solar wind — blow ice and debris into space from the head of the comet back into space.

Hal Jandorf, whose enthusiasm sparked the interest of many who gathered around him, had hoped to take pictures of Comet Austin. But the comet just wasn't bright enough.

"Just think," Jandorf sighed, "we came all the way up here and all of that drive just to see a fuzzy spot. Halley's will be a lot better than that."

Dinner (The waythings are) by Wim Wenders. The Soviet Union's *Agony* by Nikolai Klimov is particularly awaited — outside the competition — as it has been held back for release for several years by Moscow. There are also four films from East European countries.

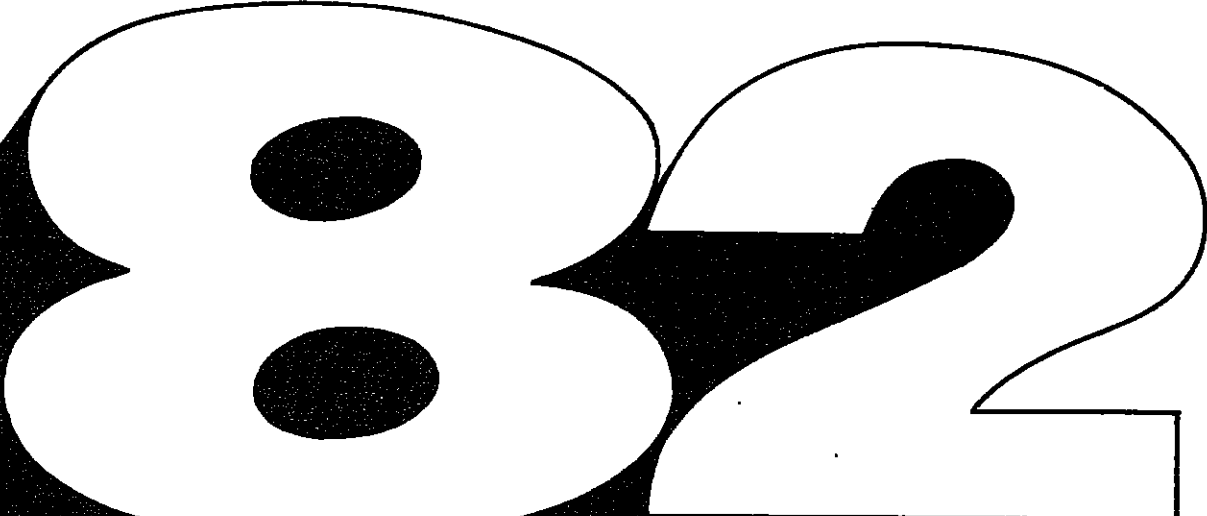
Three U.S. films to be shown are *Tempest* by Paul Mazursky, *A Midsummer Night's Comedy* by Woody Allen, and *Blade Runner*. The Third World will be represented, among other films, by Egypt's *Haduta Misriya* (Memory) by Yussef Chahin.

Expected successes will have avant-premieres at Venice, like *Victor Victoria* by Blake Edwards, E.T. by Steven Spielberg and *Pollux* by Tobe Hooper.

Stars expected to attend include Gina Lollobrigida, Jose Ferrer, Isabelle Huppert, Vittorio Gassman, Jean-Louis Trintignant and Franco Nero.

The "Mostra" jury will include Marcel Carne (France), Satyajit Ray (India), Andrei Terkovski (Soviet Union), Mario Monicelli (Italy) and Gillo Pontecorvo (Italy).

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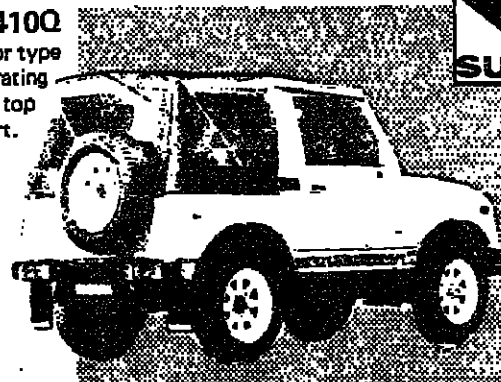
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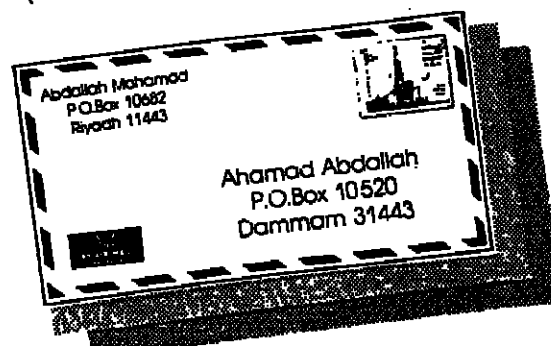
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Blames Hanoi for tension

Peking rejects plea for truce on border

PEKING, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Communists China has rejected a recent Vietnamese proposal for a ceasefire along their common border and accused Hanoi of being responsible for the continuing hostilities by its "anti-China policy," the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.

In a note addressed to the Vietnamese Embassy here, the Chinese foreign minister said "facts have shown that tension along the Sino-Vietnamese border has resulted solely from the Vietnamese authorities' pursuance of an anti-China policy and deliberate provocations against China's border areas."

Vietnam had proposed a ceasefire and suspension of border hostilities from Aug. 27 to Oct. 1, so that the two countries could celebrate their national day peacefully. The Vietnamese National Day falls on Sept. 2, and China's on Oct. 1.

Responding to the Aug. 14 Vietnamese note, Peking accused Hanoi of "intrusions" into Chinese territories since early this year, and said the Vietnamese Air Force has "violated" Chinese air space on "reconnaissance" flights on several occasions.

The note further contended that Vietnamese ships have "attacked and seized" Chinese fishing boats, and their crews, that Hanoi "has up to now refused to return to China."

Tanzania tries Kenya rebels

DAR ES SALAAM, Aug. 27 (R) — The mysterious "People's Redemption Council" which tried to overthrow the Kenyan government Aug. 1 was led by a Kenyan Air Force private now on trial in Tanzania, a court was told Thursday. He was named by a fellow accused as senior Pvt. Heekiel Ochuca.

Senior Sgt. Panaras Oteyo Okumu, who is on trial with Pvt. Ochuca on charges of kidnapping two Kenyan Air Force officers and forcing them to fly to Tanzania, told the court in Dar Es Salaam that he was a member of the redemption council but Pvt. Ochuca did not testify.

Up to now, little has been known about the self-styled council, which began broadcasting that it had toppled President Daniel Arap

U.S. airlines make random searches

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Pan Am planes are being subjected to spot searches and a second U.S. airline has begun making routine bomb checks because of the discovery of a second bomb on a Pan Am Jumbo jet, officials said Thursday.

Delta Air Lines, based in Atlanta, began the checks Wednesday night on all international and a few domestic flights. "The routine will continue until we feel this bomb threat situation has ended," said Delta spokesman Bill Berry.

In Los Angeles, police searched two Pan Am planes Wednesday night but nothing was found, said Pan Am spokesman Jeff Krienderer in New York, the headquarters for Pan American World Airways. "We didn't have any threat. It was just a precautionary measure for stepped-up security reasons," Krienderer said. "We're doing this randomly throughout the system. Security has been stepped up everywhere," he said.

The most recent bomb was found by a cleaning crew Wednesday after Pan Am flight 441 arrived in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, from Miami, Krienderer said. The bomb was removed before it went off.

On Aug. 11, a 16-year-old Japanese boy was killed when a bomb exploded on Pan Am's flight 830 from Tokyo to Honolulu. Another Pan Am spokesman, Jim Arey, said nothing had been reported linking the bomb found in Brazil and the one that went off as flight 830 was about 140 miles from Hawaii. Fifteen passengers were hurt in the blast. No arrests have been made and the motives are unknown.

Soviet Army in E. Germany 'reinforced'

BONN, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The Soviet Army is reinforcing its 20 East German divisions by 30-40 percent in reaction to reinforcements in Atlantic alliance anti-tank defenses, military sources say.

The Soviet Union has a total of some 385,000 troops in East Germany. East German troops number about 150,000. The sources say the major points of the Soviet program are:

• Addition by 1983 of 2,000 artillery systems — heavy mortars, rocket launchers and cannon — designed to precede armor on the battlefield and wipe out anti-tank weapons in the event of a conflict.

• Addition of a 152MM self-propelled artillery battalion to every tank column.

• Replacement of armored infantry companies with much larger battalions in the three tank columns of each of the 10 armored divisions, and the addition of BMP-73 light tanks.

• Reinforcement of armored infantry columns with a self-propelled artillery battalion.

The program was begun in 1980, following Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's Oct. 6, 1979 announcement of the withdrawal of 20,000 men and 1,000 tanks from East Germany, the sources said.

Under the restructuring, the Soviets are reintroducing in East Germany 17,000 men, 250 T-62, and T-72 tanks, several hundred BMP-73 light infantry tanks, and 1,000 cannon and missile launchers, they said.

A source said the strength of Soviet military units in East Germany has been increasing steadily since 1975. In 1975, for example, there were 344 tanks in a Soviet armored division, against 415 today. A mechanized infantry division contained 272 tanks in 1975, 320 today. An armored division had 120 vehicles then, 175 today. And in 1977, said the source, there were 366,000 Soviet troops in East Germany, against today's 385,000.

Indian to go into space

NEW DELHI, Aug. 27 (AFP) — India's first cosmonaut will go into space aboard a Soviet vehicle in 1984 and is currently undergoing training in southern India, Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Friday.

The spaceman, chosen from among the Indian Air Force's test pilots was now undergoing intensive training at the Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) in Bangalore, the agency said in a dispatch, quoting ASTE commandant, Air Commodore P. Singh.

The unnamed cosmonaut and a stand-by would be sent to the Soviet Union before long for advanced training together with Soviet cosmonauts before taking off into space under the joint program already agreed upon between the two countries.

Argentine parties legalized

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 27 (R) — President Reynaldo Bignone legalized Argentina's political parties nearly six years after they were banned when the armed forces seized power in 1976.

The president signed a statute Thursday legalizing the parties and regulating their internal organization after making a 20-minute speech to the nation. He reaffirmed in the speech his government's determination to return Argentina to democracy by March 1984.

The president had lifted a ban on political activity immediately after taking power with army backing two months ago, but the new law he signed Thursday will permit the parties to resume normal functioning.

He said that with the lifting of restrictions on Trade union activity also, strikes could take place, but these should be seen as a form of expression normal in a democratic society.

At several points in his speech, President Bignone stressed moderation would be the keynote of his government's action. He emphasized his government has sufficient power and authority, commenting that its mandate to return Argentina to democracy had been given by the armed forces as a whole.

S. Africa explains Zimbabwe raid

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Three white soldiers killed in southeast Zimbabwe last week were members of the South African forces apparently on an unauthorized mission, armed forces Cmdr. Gen. Constant Viljoen said here.

Gen. Viljoen told a press conference Thursday night that the dead men, all former members of the Rhodesian Army, seemed to have been hoping to set free political prisoners being held in a camp in southeast Zimbabwe. He said the three, Sgt. John Andrew Wes-

The navy and air force withdrew from Argentina's ruling military junta after the army insisted on Gen. Bignone's appointment as head of state in June after the country's defeat by Britain in the Falklands (Malvinas) crisis.

In an apparent reference to factions of the armed forces reported to be discontented with his rule, President Bignone said people should recognize everyone has the right to be different and think differently. It was wrong to try and impose your own views on others by force, he added.

In a separate development, Julio Gonzalez del Solar, an orthodox economist, was named Thursday as the new president of Argentina's Central bank. He replaces Domingo Cavallo, who resigned Tuesday along with Economy Minister Jose Maria Domingo Pastore in a government crisis over economic policy.

Jorge Wehbe, a veteran financial administrator, took over as the new economy minister Wednesday. The new central bank chief was vice president of Argentina's largest commercial bank, the state-owned Banco de LA Nacion, for several months last year under the former government of Gen. Robert Viola.

BRIEFS

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II will make the first-ever visit Feb. 16 to the Cayman Islands by a British monarch since the tiny Caribbean colony came under British rule more than 300 years ago. The Caymans, comprising three islands, are located about 480 miles south of Miami.

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Amitabh Bachchan, India's most famous and highly paid film star who was critically injured while shooting his latest movie, was declared out of danger Thursday by his doctors. The 38-year-old Bachchan had been in the intensive care unit of a Bombay hospital for the past four weeks, fighting a life-and-death struggle. Doctors reported that he was recovering steadily and said that he would remain under intensive care for a couple of weeks more.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Newly elected Indian President Zail Singh faces a challenge to his election last month, in a high court petition filed by 27 opposition members of parliament, it was reported here.

Benn discusses crown's powers

LONDON, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The British crown's power to dissolve parliament before term and to invite a person to form a government should be abolished, leading British Labor Party member Tony Benn said here.

Benn said in an article published in the September issue of *The New Socialist* monthly that the two prerogatives still remaining under the personal control of the crown "have never been seriously discussed in Britain or in the Labor Party."

This was because "we have always adopted the working assumption that the crown would behave toward a Labor prime minister with strict constitutional propriety. Accept all advice proffered and act upon it," he said. But the use of the delegated crown prerogative by the governor general of Australia, in November 1975, who dismissed Labor Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and appointed his successor, "turned this matter into a vital issue."

The dissolution of the Australian government "even though Whitlam enjoyed clear majority in the House of Representatives" amounted to a "legalized coup d'etat," Benn said. He suggested that the best way to avoid any recurrence of what happened in Australia would be to transfer the power of dissolution and the power to ask a person to form a government "to the speaker of the House of Commons, subject to its confirmation by that body."

"The speaker knows the Commons intimately," Benn said, "and is therefore specially qualified to reach a judgment about the appropriate moment for granting a dissolution and who is most likely to command a majority." Benn, a former Labor minister for energy, gave up his peerage and previously advocated that the British House of Lords should be dissolved.

Greenpeace restrained

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 27 (AFP) — A court in Amsterdam banned the international Greenpeace ecology movement from further hindering the dumping of nuclear waste in the Atlantic.

Magistrate B.J. Ascher, ruling on a complaint by the Dutch Nuclear Research Center (E.C.N.), said Greenpeace would have to pay 250,000 florins (nearly \$95,000) per day in costs for further delays caused by its militants.

Greenpeace militants are fighting to prevent the dumping going ahead 700 kilometers off the northwest coast of Spain. The waste from Dutch hospitals, laboratories and the E.C.N. is being taken to the dumping site by the Dutch ship *Scheldborg* which is expected to arrive there Friday or Saturday.

On Aug. 13 Greenpeace volunteers boarded a British dumping ship in the Atlantic and chained themselves to unloading platforms. The movement has sent its ship *Sirius* from Amsterdam to harass the Dutch ships involved in the dumping.

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Fed trims discount rate to 10 percent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R) — The Federal Reserve Board has cut its principal lending rate to 10 percent from Friday in a move that could lead to reductions in other key U.S. interest rates.

In reaction to earlier U.S. cuts, interest rates in West Germany and elsewhere in Western Europe fell Thursday in the hope that cheaper credit would provide an economic boost. The so-called discount rate the U.S. central bank charges its member banks for loans is now at its lowest point since July, 1980, when the current U.S. recession began.

In recent months, the Federal Reserve has shown a new and largely unexpected leniency in its monetary policy. It has cut the discount rate in half-point increments in four of the past six weeks.

The Fed's rate reductions have quickly translated into cuts in other U.S. interest rates. For example, major U.S. banks last week reduced the "prime rates" they charge on loans to their most creditworthy corporate customers to 13.5 percent. The prime rate

had been steady at 16.5 percent for most of the spring.

The financial markets have also reacted favorably to the Fed's new policy attitude. Share prices have soared in the past two weeks and volume on the exchanges hit an all-time record Thursday.

One of the reasons the central bank has been able to ease up on its monetary policy is that recession has been much harsher than had been anticipated. This, in turn, has dried up demand for credit and bank loans and allowed interest rates to fall.

The Fed originally advocated tight monetary growth targets in an attempt to bring down the U.S. inflation rate, which was at 12 percent when President Reagan took office 18 months ago.

The White House quickly backed the central bank in this undertaking and inflation has fallen dramatically. It stood at just over seven percent in June. But the improvement in inflation has been accompanied by 9.8 percent unemployment, the highest rate in 40 years, and a massive surge in bankruptcies.

West vies for Algeria market

ALGIERS, Aug. 27 (AP) — Competition is increasing among European, Japanese and American firms trying to win a larger share of Algeria's estimated \$11 billion import market at a time when the world recession has cut growth in most economies.

"With its developing industrial base, Algeria is in the market for almost everything and it has money to spend," said a Western trade official.

Algeria buys 80 percent of its imports from the West, and a tour of Algeria's 19th international trade fair, which runs through Sept. 10, reflects the importance of the 1.356 foreign firms from 50 countries represented there attribute to the market.

Algeria's trading partners have come to the fair with everything from manufacturing

machinery, construction and agricultural equipment, passenger cars and heavy vehicles, to high technology communications equipment, stoves and refrigerators and office supplies.

Few contracts are concluded at the fair. That takes months, if not years, of detailed negotiations with Algeria's large, state-owned enterprises. But foreign businessmen with long experience here say participation in the fair generates considerable goodwill among Algerian officials who appreciate the interest and effort displayed by participants.

France, Algeria's largest trading partner, sold more than \$2 billion worth of exports to its former colony in 1981. About 400 French companies represented at the fair fill an open space and three pavilions.

U.S. moots fund to aid needy states

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (R) — U.S. officials are considering the creation of an international fund to help financially troubled countries, administration sources have said.

They will raise the idea at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) meeting next month in Toronto.

The sources said officials at the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Board had been taking in "very broad terms" about the possible need for a new fund for countries that find themselves in economic emergencies.

The financial woes of Mexico and Poland, plus the economic fragility of various African and South American countries, are expected to be a major topic at the annual meeting of the IMF in Toronto from Sept. 6 to 9.

"The United States will not take a specific proposal to Toronto," one source said. "But we will test the waters to see what sort of reaction there is to this idea."

Monetary sources said some officials at the Federal Reserve Board had suggested that a new fund be set up with \$25 billion contributed by member countries of the IMF.

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World Bank says

Turkey's policy bearing fruit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AP) — Turkey's economic policy measures implemented in 1980 and 1981 are now beginning to bear fruit on a broad front, the World Bank said Thursday in its annual report.

In a press briefing, Helen Hughes, director of the bank's economic analysis and projections department, commented that the bank "is fairly confident that Turkey is managing its problems well because of its performance in the past three years."

The bank said sustained efforts at implementing adjustment policies, combined with international support from official and private financial sources, "should enable Turkey to sustain the growth that occurred in 1981 and keep its current-account deficit within manageable limits."

The bank said Egypt's growth in foreign-exchange earnings will likely be less rapid in recent years.

It said recent economic developments underline for Egypt "the urgency of undertaking structural reforms that address, simultaneously, the country's need for greater mobilization of resources, for orienting its economy more toward exports, and for improving the allocations of resources so that a high return on its investment program — in particular, that part on it concerning industry and agriculture — might be achieved."

Syria's balance of payments may come under further severe strain over the coming years as the country moves from being a net exporter of petroleum to a net importer, the bank report said.

France halts TV imports from Japan

BRUSSELS, Aug. 27 (AFP) — France was Friday authorized to suspend temporarily imports of color televisions from Japan and South Korea transported via other member states of the European Economic Community (EEC), under a community commission ruling.

Requests for import permit for Japanese color televisions which were filed between Aug. 2 and 6 represented 33.33 percent of the annual quota of 87,000 units for France. Imports have, therefore, been suspended between Aug. 6 and Oct. 1982.

Since the beginning of this year France has imported 26,000 color televisions from South Korea, although imports are subject to an annual quota of 14,000 units.

Peking lays claim to Natuna isles

JAKARTA, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Communist China has lodged a claim for part of the oil-producing Natuna Islands in the South China Sea, subject of a territorial dispute between Indonesia and Vietnam, according to press reports in this Indonesian capital Friday.

China had claimed an area as far as the waters near the Indonesian island of Bangka, east of Sumatra.

Drought hits 3m in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Ethiopia is in the throes of another devastating drought that could affect more than three million people, according to the recent report by the authorities.

The report, by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), says another 1.6 million people are still on its dole roll as war-displaced.

The commission places the figure needing immediate and long-term assistance at 5.5 million people, 300,000 more than two years ago when a similar calamity hit the country.

But the situation appears similar to the 1972-74 major drought disaster that claimed an estimated 20,000 lives in Wollo province alone.


The RRC report says 13 out of the country's 14 provinces — just one less than the 1972-74 catastrophe, have been severely hit. Wollo still being among the worst affected.

The officials also point to the lingering effects of drought in the country, resulting from an exceedingly high rate of erosion, the stripping of the vegetation cover through over-grazing and sustained deforestation.

As a long-range solution, the RRC has launched massive afforestation program nationwide and is introducing better water-management techniques, but authorities concede that it will be years before this plan will begin to pay off.

The RRC believes it can cope with the immediate needs of some 700,000 people out of the total of 5.5 million people affected.

It has appealed for monetary international assistance for both its short and long-term requirements. Additionally, it says it will want grain and four million pieces of clothing in support of drought victims and war-displaced.

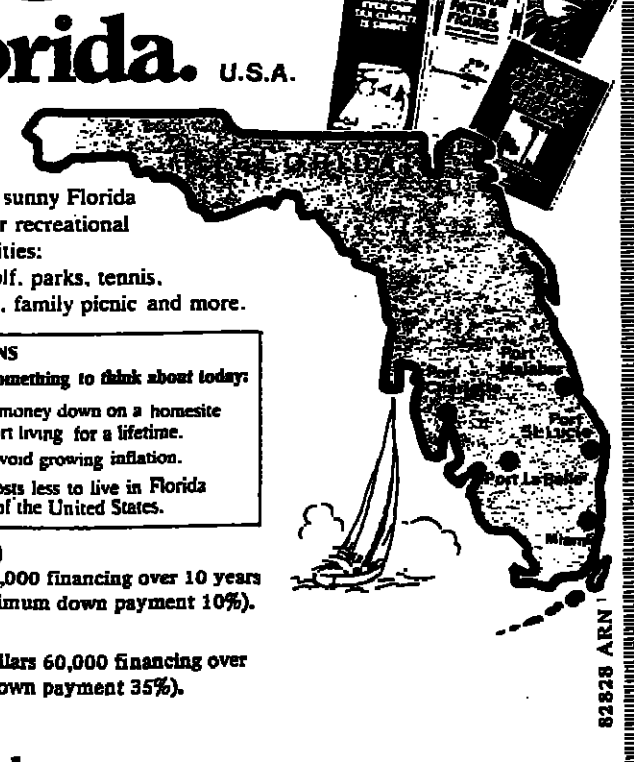


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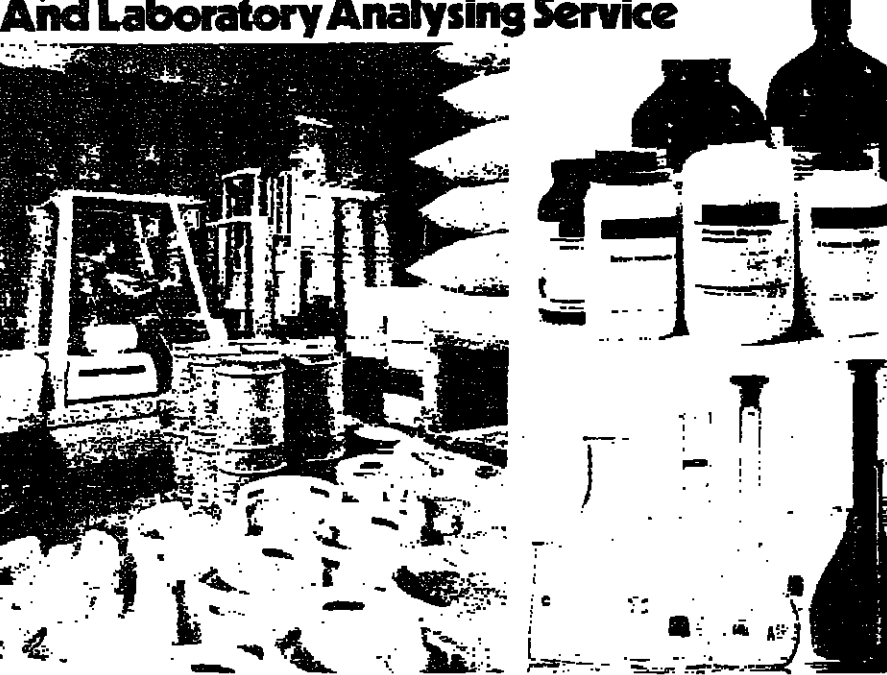
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With slump in imports

U.S. incurs \$2.4b trade deficit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AP) — The United States' foreign trade deficit narrowed to \$2.42 billion in July, as non-oil imports fell sharply because of the recession, the U.S. Commerce Department reported Thursday.

July's deficit, down from a \$3.44 billion deficit in June was the smallest since April, and put the nation's merchandise trade deficit for the first seven months of the year at \$18.4 billion.

"July's improvement in the trade deficit was largely the result of continued weakness in the U.S. economy," Commerce Undersecretary Robert G. Dederick said.

Dederick also said the deficit for the full year should be "only moderately less than the \$39.7 billion shortfall of 1981," even though

oil imports should fall about \$15 billion this year.

Officials expect U.S. exports to decline this year because of the strong value of the dollar and weak economies abroad. They also expect non-oil imports to rise later in the year as the United States recovers from its recession before its main trading partners recover from theirs.

The main factor affecting the July figures was a \$2 billion decline from June in the value of imported manufactured goods, an indication of falling demand for foreign goods despite the fact that a strong U.S. dollar has meant lower import prices.

As a result, U.S. companies wound up with a \$1.1 billion trade surplus for manufactured goods in July after recording a \$875 million deficit in June.

French trade gap narrows

PARIS, Aug. 27 (R) — France's seasonally adjusted foreign trade deficit fell to 8.94 billion francs from 13.28 billion in June, but was wider than the revised deficit of 4.72 billion recovered in July 1981, the foreign trade ministry said.

Seasonally adjusted imports fell to 60.74 billion francs in July from 63.45 billion in June but were up on a revised \$2.90 billion recorded in July 1981.

Adjusted exports rose to 51.80 billion francs from 50.17 billion in June and a revised 48.18 billion in July 1981.

"In unadjusted terms the trade deficit fell to 6.06 billion francs from 11.78 billion in June but was up on the revised deficit of 3.13 billion francs recorded in July 1981."

Schmidt lauds Reagan policy

BONN, Aug. 27 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, a strong critic of U.S. economic policies, has taken the unusual step of congratulating President Ronald Reagan on helping to bring down interest rates.

The government Friday released a letter sent to Reagan by the chancellor saying Thursday's round of interest rate cuts in Europe had largely stemmed from the president's moves to reduce the U.S. budget deficit.

But Schmidt made it clear he did not want to see any move which would reverse the present trend of falling rates.

"I congratulate you and hope the fall in interest rates will continue and benefit your economy and ours," he wrote.

During a private visit to the United States last month, the chancellor repeatedly blamed high U.S. interest rates for the persistence of

The largest import declines included iron and steel products, telecommunications equipment, electrical equipment, passenger cars from Canada, aircraft and aerospace equipment and clothing.

The Commerce Department also reported that the country's agricultural trade surplus narrowed in July to \$1.5 billion, compared with \$1.9 billion in June.

Purchases of imported oil, meanwhile, rose in July, producing a \$5.3 billion deficit, compared with \$4.9 billion in June.

Oil imports in July average 5.65 million barrels a day, up from 5.47 million a day in June and the highest since January. For the year, imports are averaging about 5.1 million barrels a day, down from 6.1 million a day in 1981.

Reagan policy

the economic recession in Western Europe. He urged the Reagan administration to cut its planned large budget deficits as a way of getting the rates down and allowing room for international economic recovery.

In his letter Schmidt praised Reagan's \$98.3 billion tax increase, passed by Congress last week, which he said led to the prospect of a lower budget deficit.

On Thursday, a number of West European banks, including West Germany's central bank, cut their interest rates in the wake of falls in key American rates.

High interest rates have been held responsible for many of West Germany's current economic ills, which include a faster rise in unemployment and in bankruptcies than almost any other Western country.

Schmidt has been criticized at home for his attacks on the U.S. at a time when transatlantic ties are already strained by disputes over the Siberian gas pipeline and steel exports.

West Germany is unlikely to drop pressure on the U.S. over interest rates, however. Finance Minister Manfred Lahnstein will underline the responsibility of the U.S. in stimulating the world economy and combating unemployment when he speaks at an International Monetary Fund (IMF) conference in Toronto next month, a ministry spokesman said.

Inflation dips to 23-year low in Japan

TOKYO, Aug. 27 (R) — Japan's annual inflation rate fell to 1.8 percent in July, the lowest for nearly 23 years and by far the lowest of any major industrial nation, official figures released Friday showed.

The prime minister's office said the slower July rise in the consumer price index on a year-on-year basis from 2.2 percent in June, reflected lower prices in the month for fruit and vegetables and some seasonal commodities. On a monthly basis, the index fell 0.7 percent from June.

The 1.7 percent gain over July last year was the slowest annual rise since a 1.5 percent gain in October 1959. Japan's inflation rate is more than three times lower than that of West Germany, which recorded a rate of 5.6 percent in July, the second lowest figure for that month among major industrial nations.

The government announced, meanwhile, that unemployment in Japan on an unadjusted basis which does not take account of seasonal factors, fell to 1.320.000 in July from 1.370.000 in June.

BA plans drastic fare cut to Japan

LONDON, Aug. 27 (AFP) — British Airways is to introduce the "first ever cheap return air ticket" between Britain and Japan, to cost 745 pounds (\$1,306) — over 900 pounds (\$1,578) less than the current lowest fare.

In making the announcement here Friday, the British airline specified one important condition: Tickets must be bought at least one month before the travel date and passengers must be in Japan for between 14 days and 5 months.

The airline expects this "breakthrough" in its campaign for "bargain air fares worldwide" to open up Japan to "thousands of holidaymakers and personal visitors."

The cut-price rate will similarly apply to Japanese travelers to Britain. British Airways said that this new "apex" fare follows "months of patient negotiations with the Japanese."

As units face lawsuits

Bells toll for asbestos

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (R) — Tens of thousands of lawsuits are threatening to bury the asbestos industry under a legal landslide that is forcing companies to flee to the bankruptcy courts for protection.

The Manville Corporation, the world's largest asbestos producer, announced Thursday it was filing for reorganization under the U.S. federal bankruptcy code.

Company chairman John McKinney said that while the company's businesses were sound, "we are completely overwhelmed by the cost of the asbestos health lawsuits filed against us."

A Chicago company, UNR Industries, which has not made asbestos products since the 1960s, took the same route last month because it was facing some 12,000 lawsuits filed in July.

For years asbestos was deemed to be a relatively harmless fiber with no end of uses

— fireproofing warships, soundproofing schools, controlling moisture, making walls and ceilings, potholders and pipes.

But in the early 1960s, scientists exposed asbestos as a silent killer causing lung cancer, asbestosis and mesothelioma, the rare cancer that was killed, among others, actor Steve McQueen and whose only known cause is exposure to the fiber.

A television documentary on the risks of asbestos production has rekindled controversy over the fiber in Britain and caused the stock market value of the biggest producer there, Turner and Newall, to plummet.

The International Metalworkers' Federation has called for a complete ban — Sweden has already done so — because it claims asbestos causes more industrial deaths than any other substance.

Dollar maintains strength

LONDON, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — The U.S. dollar maintained strength to end a thin and quiet trading day firmer against the major currencies, dealers said.

The U.S. currency moved sharply higher after mid-day as the U.S. Fed funds rate opened slightly higher than expected at 9.5 and Eurodollar deposit rates held at firmer levels.

The dollar was well supported by market feeling that U.S. interest rates halted their decline and will stabilize at current levels, dealers added.

The dollar's advance in London resulted in a spillover buying encouraged by the currency's strength in New York.

Sparse business in London was reflected in wide spreads, with dealers saying the rates were at best an indication. One or two com-

mercial orders had an exaggerated firming impact on rates here, they added.

Dealers noted a significant widening in the three and six month forward discount on sterling-dollar.

Gold prices soared to more than \$425 an ounce in London Friday, the metal's highest level for nearly nine months and a gain of \$75 since the start of August.

London's five bullion houses fixed a morning recommended gold price of \$425.25 a troy ounce, up from Thursday's closing \$415.50, and its highest peak since last Dec. 4 when the metal was worth \$425.50.

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BRIEFS

DETROIT, (AFP) — The Japanese Nissan auto company in the U.S. announced that it will recall 118,747 Datsun 510 cars built between 1979 and 1981 because of a possible fault in the seatbelt retraction rollers. The firm added that it did not know of any accident caused by the fault which had come to light through customer complaints.

NEW DELHI, (R) — The Indian government will ask 37 foreign oil companies to make a second round of bids for oil exploration and production rights in 50 selected blocks. A petroleum ministry official said here Friday.

BONN, Aug. 27 (R) — The West German government aims to conclude in the next few days its study of an official auditors report on a request from AEG-Telefunken AG for 1.1 billion marks of state-backed credit guarantees, deputy government spokesman Lothar Ruehl said.

MONTREAL, (AFP) — Canada will try to sell a second Candu nuclear reactor to South Korea during a three-day visit by South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan which starts here Saturday. Foreign ministry officials in Ottawa said. Work is nearly complete on construction of the Canadian Candu plant bought by South Korea, which hopes that by 1991 40 percent of the energy consumed by its 40 million people will be provided by nuclear power.

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Brewers prove too fast for A's

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Oakland speedster Rickey Henderson equaled Lou Brock's eight-year-old Major League record for stolen bases in a season as he swiped his 118th Thursday night as the A's were crushed 10-3 by the Milwaukee Brewers.

Gorman Thomas, who leads the Majors with 34 home runs, led the Brewers' 13-hit attack, driving in six runs with a pair of homers and an RBI single. Mike Caldwell handcuffed the A's on seven hits to win for the fifth time in six decisions.

Henderson equaled Brock's record in the first inning. He singled to lead off and was apparently picked off first by the left-handed Caldwell. However, the swift left fielder outraced first baseman Cecil Cooper's throw to second for his record-tying stolen base.

The crowd of more than 30,000 gave Henderson a standing ovation before he came around to score on infield outs by Dwayne Murphy, who hit a solo homer in the third, and Dazl Papes. Henderson has missed just two of Oakland's 128 games this season.

Boston Red Sox split a doubleheader with California. Dwight Evans capped a four-run third inning with a two-run homer and Bob Stanley pitched 61-3 innings of four-hit shut-out relief, lifting the Red Sox to a 4-3 victory. The Angels won the afternoon game 10-1 as Brian Downing and Doug DeCinces homered to lead a 16-hit attack and Ken Forsch notched the 100th victory of his career by scattering seven hits.

Eddie Murray blasted a pair of home runs, including a Grand Slam in Baltimore's eight-run third inning, and Rich Dauer and Cal Ripken Jr. added three-run homers as the Orioles crushed the Toronto Blue Jays 12-3 for their sixth straight victory.

Lee Mazzilli cracked a three-run homer and Rick Cerone delivered a two-run double during New York's five-run fifth inning as the Yankees posted a 7-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins. John Wathan's two-run single highlighted a three-run eighth inning as Kansas City tripped Texas 5-3.

Manny Castillo's first Major League home run snapped an eighth-inning tie and vaulted Seattle to a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers, ending the Mariners' seven-game losing streak.

In the National League, Gary Carter belted his second two-run homer of the game with one out in the eighth inning to give the Montreal Expos a 5-3 victory over the Houston Astros and a sweep of a two-night doubleheader night as reliever Jeff Reardon posted victories in both games. In the opener, Expos won 7-2.

Three share lead in World Series Golf

AKRON, Ohio, Aug. 27 (AP) — PGA champion Ray Floyd, Australian Bob Shearer and putting wizard Masahiro Kuramoto of Japan shot one-under-par 69s to tie for the first round lead Thursday in the \$400,000 World Series of Golf.

"Sunshine, wind and difficult pin placements. Those are the reasons for the high scores," said Floyd, one of only three men able to break par 70 on the 7,183-yard Firestone Country Club course that suddenly began to play as tough as the veterans remember it.

The 39-year-old Floyd is one of five men locked in a fight for the year's leading money-winning spot and chasing a \$100,000 first prize here.

Lanny Wadkins and Masters champion

Craig Stadler, both involved in the money-winning race, matched par 70, but the other two men chasing the money-title were well back in the field of 26. Tom Watson, the U.S. and British Open champion, struggled to a 75. Tom Kite shot 73, three over par. Jack Nicklaus escaped with a 71. Kuramoto, 26, one-putted 11 times, eight times for par, and saved his share of the top spot with a 20-foot (6 m), par-saving chip-in on the 18th hole.

Kuramoto, who finished fourth in the British Open and has made three trips between Japan and the U.S. in the last month, was often on verge of disaster, but saved himself time and again. "Everything went right today," he said through an interpreter. "There were two surprises," he said. "One

is that I'm leading. The other is that no one else played better."

Shearer also was surprised to be in a tie for the top. He got there with a 40-foot (12 m) birdie putt on the 17th. "That's a putt you're not supposed to make," he said. "I was just trying to two-putt and the ball went over the hill and trickled in the cup."

Meanwhile, Donna Caponi birdied three of the final four holes to finish at four-under-par 68 to tie the Hollis Stacy for the first-round lead in the \$165,000 LPGA Henredon Classic, in High Point, North Carolina.

Action resumes Friday in the 72-hole Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament, which is being played on the 6,191-yard, par 72 Willowcreek Golf Club.

In African Athletics meet

Obeng claims 100m easily

CAIRO, 27 Aug. (R) — Ghana's Ernest Obeng shrugged off defeat in the heats to take the 100 meters title in a winning time of 10.2 seconds in the African Athletics Championships here Thursday.

Obeng was third in a heat won by Senegal's Boubakar Diallo — a result which gave rise to speculation about his prospects in the final. But Obeng said after taking the title: "When I realized that I was leading halfway through the race, I knew that my problem was to keep the momentum."

The women's 800 meters was delayed for 30 minutes, because of a technical problem when the judges ruled that N'Drine Cletine of the Ivory Coast was not registered on their results sheets. The runners, having taken off their track suits and put them on again three

times, finally ran after a row between N'Drine's coach and the judges and two false starts. Cletine ultimately finished second behind Uganda's Evelyn Adiru.

In the women's 100 meters hurdles, Uganda's Ruth Kyalisima led until the last stages when she was overtaken by Morocco's Nawal Moutawakil, who finished in 13.8 seconds ahead of Kyalisima's 14 seconds.

Looking disappointed, the 24-year-old Ugandan, who won the 100 and 400 meters hurdles last week in the Eastern and Central African Games, said: "It is Saturday's 400 meters hurdles that matters to me. Make no mistake I'll win it. She has already qualified to run the 400 hurdles in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Brisbane."

Coe pulls out

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Britain's triple record holder Sebastian Coe has pulled out of Friday's Ivo Van Damme Memorial Track meet.

A spokesman said Coe's father told the Brussels organizers he did not want to exhaust his son with too much racing before the European Championships.

The organizers of the meet are known to be disappointed at losing their star attraction at such a short notice. Coe thrilled last year's Van Damme gathering with a world mile record and fans were looking forward to an exciting duel in the 800 meters, between Coe and Cuba's Alberto Juantorena.



Ernest Obeng ... raises his hand in victory

Holmes to take on Cobb in title bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — Undeclared World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion Larry Holmes will defend his title, probably in November, in a fight against Randall "Tex" Cobb, promoter Don King said Thursday.

A Holmes-Cobb fight could clear the way for Michael Dokes, who like Holmes is promoted by King, to challenge Mike Weaver.

Weaver signed with a Texas Peoples Company, TAPCO, to fight Cobb. That fight, however, has been postponed twice because of injuries to Cobb.

Joe Gramby, Cobb's manager, acknowledged that he had looked for the Holmes fight and said he was not in breach of the TAPCO contract for the Weaver fight. "They breached the contract because they never put up the letter of credit after the second postponement," Gramby said from Philadelphia.

Ron Weathers, a TAPCO representative, noted at his home in San Antonio, Texas, that

a hearing is scheduled in U.S. District Court in New York Sept. 7 to determine whether Weaver must fight Cobb before he meets Dokes, the top challenger. The WBA granted extension for the Weaver-Cobb fight after the bout was postponed for the second time when Cobb suffered a badly cut lip in sparring.

The court action was brought by King, who says he has a contract for Weaver to fight Dokes. "What we're doing is making the WBC champion make the WBA live by their rules," Holmes said at his home in Eaton, Pennsylvania.

"I'm happy we're giving Randy Cobb the opportunity to get out of the mess he was in with the WBA and also give him an opportunity to fight for the world heavyweight championship. I think this will be the turning point for Weaver and Dokes. They do not have anybody else they can fight, and I'll make them fight each other. I would imagine this will clear the way for a unification fight."



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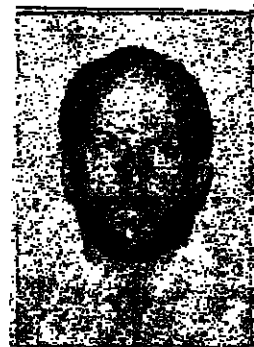
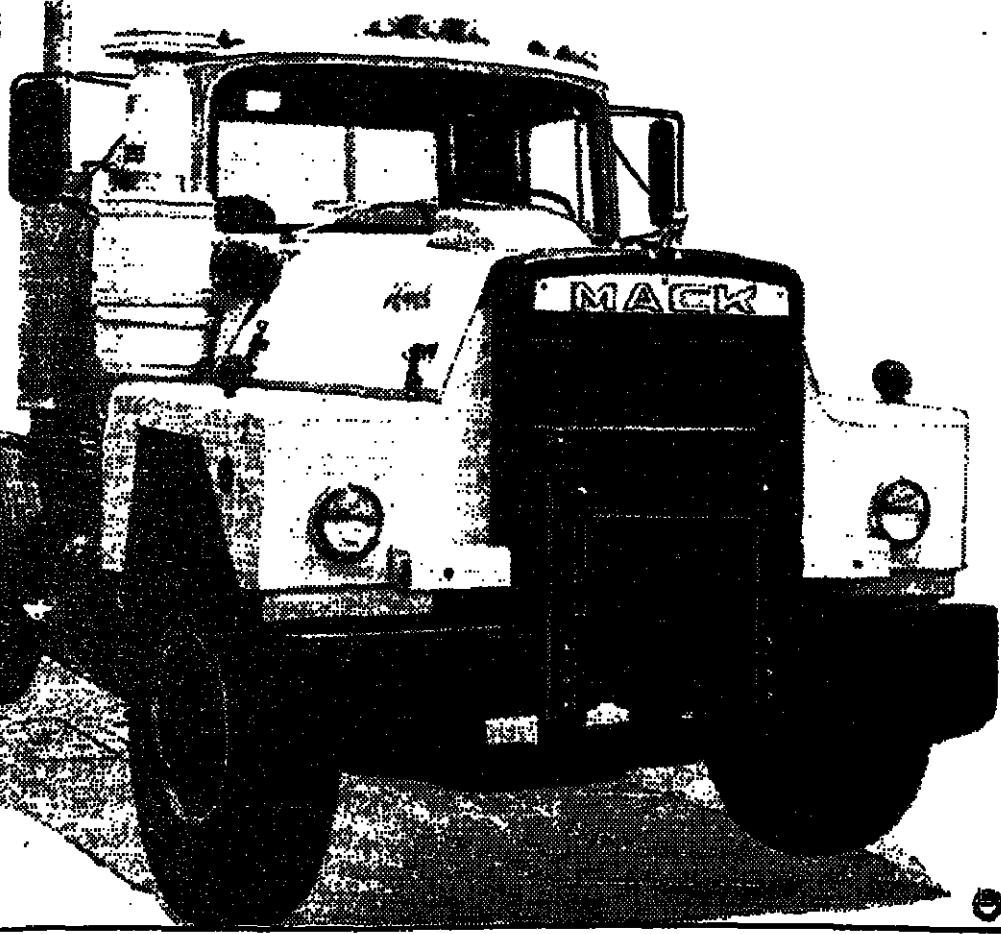
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Despite Gower's fine knock

Imran keeps England in check

LEEDS, England, Aug. 27 (AP) — Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, stole the second day honor as he went on to score an unbeaten 67 and then grabbed four wickets as England struggled to 256 for nine in the third Test here Friday.

Pakistan, overnight 255 for eight, added another 20 runs before their innings folded. Imran adding 18 of those to his individual score. And by close of play, England were 19 runs behind with just a wicket in hand, raising hopes of an interesting battle to follow.

Ethesham-ud-din, the stocky medium pacer, had quick success when England batted. Openers Graeme Fowler, a debutant, and Chris Tavaré were opening out when Ethesham struck. Fowler, who began with some confident strokes, failed to read an in-cutter and was bowled. The total read 15.

Mike Gatting, promoted in the batting order and in need of a big innings, dug himself in with Chris Tavaré, and both saw out the remaining period confidently. Gatting stroked the ball freely after an initial troubled existence against Ethesham and Imran. And the passive Tavaré also got going to help England reach 52 for one by lunch.

With Gatting and Tavaré resuming con-

fidently after the break things looked rosy for England. But Imran had other ideas. In a devastating spell — in which he took three wickets in 25 balls yielding ten runs — he shook England to the roots.

He first claimed Gatting with a slanting delivery which cut between bat and pad and won his 10w appeal. England were then 67. Imran then removed Allan Lamb, who made his second successive nought. Lamb hoisted a short-pitched delivery over square-leg, where Mohsin held a superb catch. England were then 69 for three. His third blow came soon when he had Tavaré jabbing at a rising delivery and the ball popped into the waiting hands of Haroon Rashid, substituting for Mohsin at short-leg.

Botham, joined by Gower, disregarded England's crisis and soon was in his customary violent self. He picked Qadir as his target as he hit the leg-spinner out of the attack and pushed England past the three-figure mark.

Botham took advantage of Imran's absence from the attack, the Pakistan captain surprisingly removed himself after six productive overs, and Gower also got into his element. The Somerset all-rounder went on

to his 50 in lightning time but added only seven more before playing a loose shot. He holed out to Haroon Rashid at midwicket off Sikander.

Botham's exit heralded another slump — Randall getting himself run out for 8 and debutant Vic Marks falling victims to Qadir's googly — reducing England to 170 for seven. But the stylish Gower was still there. He applied himself diligently and found an able foil in wicketkeeper Bob Taylor to see England past 200. But Imran came back for another spell to remove Taylor and England nearly lost new man Jackman, who was caught by Bari off Imran's next ball, but the umpire ruled a no ball. Gower and Jackman carried on till Gower fell for a well made 74.

Score-board

Pakistan (1st innings):

Mohsin Khan c Taylor b Botham	10
Mudassar Nazar b Botham	65
Mansoor Akhtar c Gatting b Willis	0
J. Mianuddin c Fowler b Willis	8
Z. Abbas c Taylor b Jackman	54
Majid Khan bow Jackman	21
Imran Khan not out	67
Wasim Bari b Jackman	23
A. Qadir c Willis b Botham	5
S. Bakht c Tavaré b Willis	7
Ethesham-ud-din b Botham	0
Extras	15
Total	275

Bowling: Willis 26-6-76-3; Botham 24-5-90-4; Jackman 37-14-74-3; Marks 5-0-23-0; Gatting 8-2-17-0.

England (1st innings):

C. Tavaré c sub. b Imran	22
G. Fowler b Ethesham-ud-din	9
M. Gatting bow Imran	25
A. Lamb c Mohsin b Imran	0
David Gower, c sub. b Sikander	74
I. Botham c sub. b Sikander	57
D. Randall run out	8
V. Marks b Qadir	7
B. Taylor c Mianuddin b Imran	18
R. Jackman batting	11
S. Willis, batting	1
Extras	24
Total — (for 9 wks)	256

Bowling: Imran Khan 25-7-49-4, Ethesham-ud-din 14-4-46-1; Sikander Bakht 24-5-47-2; Abdul Qadir 22-5-87-1; Mudassar Nazar 4-1-3-0.



Imran Khan ... fine all-round show

Pakistan crushes Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Former champions Pakistan trounced Malaysia 10-0 for third place in the Junior World Cup Hockey Tournament here Friday.

Pakistan, winners of the inaugural tournament in 1979 in France but eliminated from the final here, showed Malaysia no mercy scoring at every opportunity. They led 4-0 by halftime. Defeated by Australia in the semifinals 1-4, the Pakistanis put up a determined show.

In the preliminary round match Malaysia sprang a surprise by holding Pakistan 2-2. But on Friday Malaysia managed to secure few penalty corners and entered the Pakistani goal area just three times.

The Pakistan forwards ripped the Malaysian defense apart with cohesive moves. Play was rough — two Pakistanis and one Malaysian

were sent out for five minutes each. The score was the second highest in the tournament and it was co-favorites India who scored the highest number of goals when they defeated Singapore 13-0.

Pakistan's scorers were Salim Sherwani (5th and 57th minutes), Tauqeer Dar (38th) Ayaz Mahmood (48th penalty stroke) Ishtiaque Ahmad (27th and 50th minute penalty strokes), K. M. Awaiz (49th) and M. Ashraf (23rd, 27th and 56th).

Meanwhile, West Germany start as favorites against Australia in the final to be played on Saturday. Germany, runners-up in the inaugural tournament where they lost 2-0 to Pakistan in the final at Paris, are the only team to come through the tournament without dropping a point.

Goalkeeper Nkono in heavy demand

YAOUNDE, Cameroon, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Cameroon's World Cup goalkeeper Thomas Nkono is now Africa's most wanted footballer.

Nkono, 28, who conceded only one goal in the World Cup finals, and that against the eventual winners Italy, is now the target for Europe's richest club Barcelona.

A representative of the Spanish millionaire outfit flew into the Cameroonian capital Wednesday to open negotiations with Nkono's club, Canon of Yaounde, with a view to offering the goalkeeper a lucrative contract.

Four clubs from Europe and North America have already approached Canon, but Barcelona, with their offer of a \$65,000

yearly salary and a free apartment, would seem the club most likely to lure the Cameroonian captain. Besides, Barcelona hold out the chance for Nkono to play in the same team as the man dubbed "the new Pele", Argentine star Diego Maradona.

A fifth club will enter the race to sign Nkono on Friday, when a representative of top Brazilian side Fulminence is due to arrive in Yaounde. But like Barcelona, Fulminence will have to conduct most of their attempts to secure the player's signature in North America, for Nkono has put his business affairs in the hands of a New York lawyer, saying that only his legal representative is authorized to negotiate on his behalf.

BRIEFS

DIJON, France (AP) — Spurred by their intense rivalry, French drivers Alain Prost and Rene Arnoux put their Renault turbos on the front row of the grid in Friday's first qualifying session for the Swiss Grand Prix.

LISBON (AFP) — European 10,000 meters record holder Fernando Mamede of Portugal could miss the European Championships in Athens next month because of an ankle injury. Mamede is seeking special treatment from the doctor at his club Sporting Lisbon.

MOSCOW (AFP) — The Soviet men's team set a new underwater swimming record when they completed the 4x200 meters in 6:00.27. Tass newswire reported. The record was achieved during an underwater swimming tournament at the Olympskij Stadium here.

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U.S. Open

Fancied McEnroe faces Tim Gullikson in opener

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP) — John McEnroe will begin his quest for a fourth consecutive U.S. Open title against Tim Gullikson in the opening round at the National Tennis Center.

The world's No. 1 player, McEnroe is top-seeded in America's premier tennis tournament. Gullikson, who is ranked 66th in the world, was selected as McEnroe's opponent in Thursday's draw, conducted by the United States Tennis Association. Martina Navratilova, the top seed in the women's draw, will play Laura Dupont in her first-round match.

Other matches involving the top men's seeds include No. 2 Jimmy Connors against Jeff Borovick. No. 3 Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia against India's Ramesh Krishnan and No. 4 Guillermo Vilas of Argentina against Van Winitsky.

In the women's draw, second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd, a five-time U.S. Open champion, will play Bonnie Gadusek; defending champion Tracy Austin, who is seeded third, takes on Catherine Tanvier of France, and No. 4 Andrea Jaeger meets Lena Sandin of Sweden.

If the seedings hold form, the semifinals would pit McEnroe against Lendl and Connors against Vilas in men's play. Navratilova would meet Austin and Lloyd would play Jaeger.

The order of play will be announced Monday. The tournament begins Tuesday and runs through Sept. 12.

Borg may quit
Meanwhile, Bjorn Borg's agent, Mark McCormack, said that the Swedish star may retire from tennis altogether, if he fails to win a tournament this season.

McCormack, who is in Sweden to negotiate rights on a film of the announcement of the 1982 Nobel Prizes, said the five-times Wimbledon winner had lived a restricted life for many years on the order of his coach. The star has had little success since taking five months off from the sports last winter and now wanted a more peaceful life.

Meanwhile, Veteran Ilie Nastase of Romania upset Steve Denton 6-4, 7-6 Thursday night in the quarterfinals of the Hamlet Challenge Cup.

In other matches, defending champion Brian Teacher defeated Raul Ramirez of Mexico 3-6, 7-6, 6-2 and Tim Mayotte eliminated Mel Prucell 6-3, 7-6.

Vilas in semi
In somers. New York, top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina moved into the semifinal round of the \$50,000 AMP-Head Cup with a 7-5, 6-0 victory Thursday over Marcel Freeman, the 1982 U.S. Inter-Collegiate player of year.

Vilas will face former French Open junior champion Henri Leconte Friday. In other quarterfinal action, Eliot Teltscher topped fellow American Jimmy Arias 6-2, 2-6, 7-6.

In women's action, defending champion Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia was one of four seeded players beaten in third round action at the \$100,000 Volvo Cup Championships.

East German rowers dominate

LUCERNE, Aug. 27 (AFP) — East Germany confirmed their absolute mastery of International Rowing placing a boat in every one of this weekend's finals after the semifinals ended here Friday.

The Soviet Union, still jostling for the top spot with the East Germans, had almost the same degree of success, taking a place in every one of the women's six finals to be held Saturday and in all but one of the eight men's finals scheduled Sunday.

East Germany look like taking at least four of the men's titles, the coxless pairs, the double sculls, the coxed fours and the quad sculls. The Soviet Union look set to mop up the double sculls, coxed fours, quad sculls and the eights.

Cycling washed out

LEICESTER, England, Aug. 27, (R) — A damp track greeted riders when they arrived for the start of the World Cycling Championships here Friday and racing was again interrupted. Officials had hoped to make an early start in order to clear the backlog of events but overnight rain frustrated their plans.

Although the weather cleared, the wooden track dried slowly and conditions remained too hazardous for the competitors.

Lancashire took a 53 runs lead over Worcestershire at Blackpool, with Sean O'Shaughnessy (58) and David Hughes (44 not out) shining in Lancs' 198 for five.

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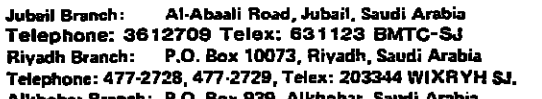
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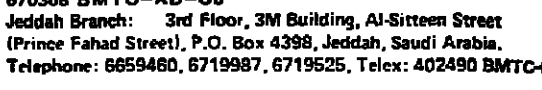
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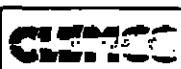
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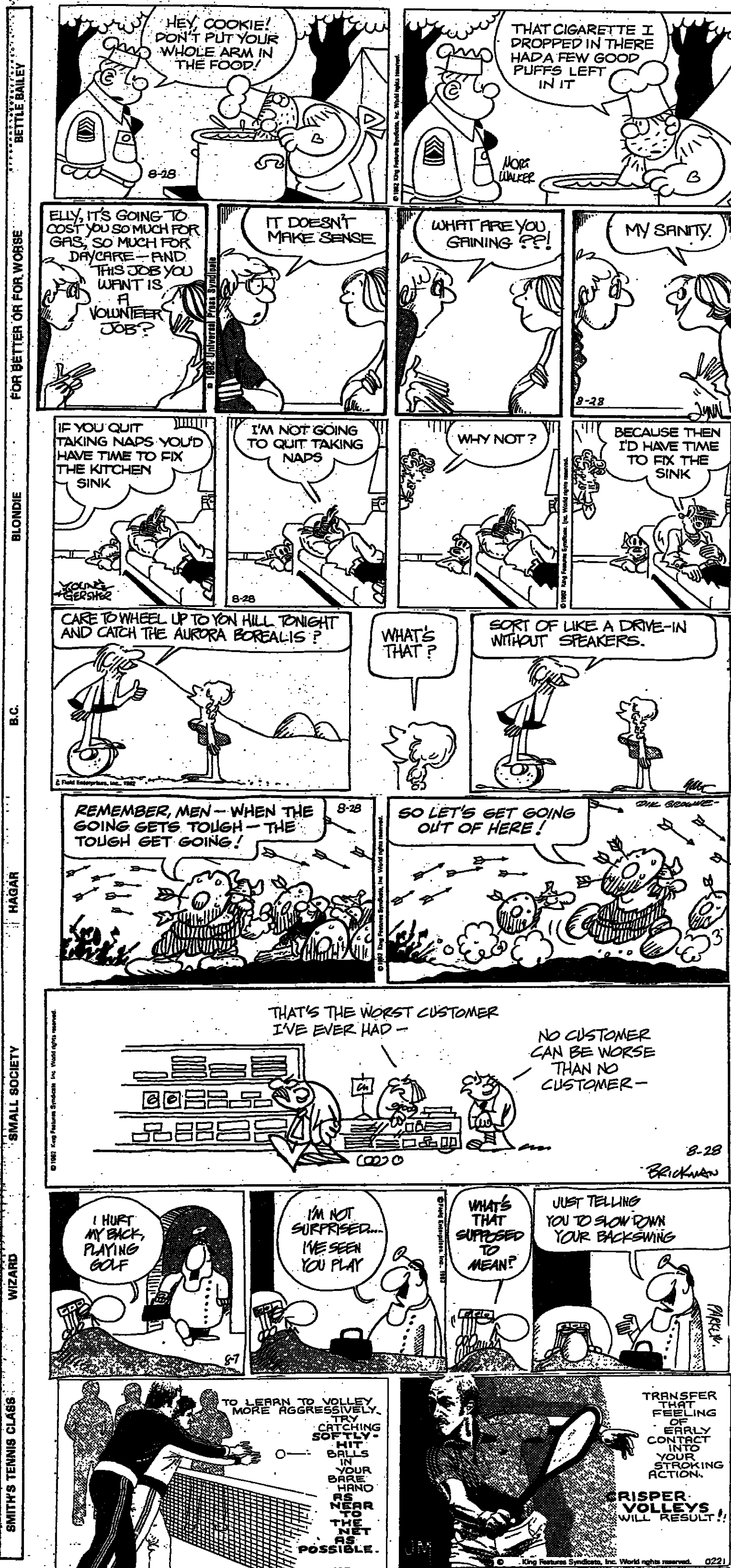
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ACROSS

1 Lights-out signal

5 Gounod opera

10 Wings (Lat.)

11 Guarantee

13 Italian city

14 Truth

15 As a substitute

17 A Gabor

18 Six

19 in San Remo

20 - Tin Tin

21 Peter

22 Spanish

23 movie house

24 It sounds

25 Open fire

27 Colony dwellers

28 Rip

29 Stadium cheer

30 Secondary

31 Dunc or thinking

34 Before

35 Finished

37 Soak up

39 Small animal

40 Tormentor

41 Lake port

42 Cloth

43 Roman highway

DOWN

1 Tapestry

2 Set straight

3 Becoming a lawyer

4 Hot

5 Witty barber

6 Battery terminal

7 Ship design

8 Disclose

9 Lee of the links

10 Close, as a hawk's eyes

11 10th U.S. president and family

12 City trains

13 Ruth

14 and others

15 Daddy

16 Warbucks' ward

17 Nero

18 Three, in Hesse

19 Common suffix

20 Yesterday's Answer

21 SACK

22 SPEWED

23 ACRA

24 ALPINE

25 LAYS

26 ANITRIA

27 HARK

28 DANSA

29 SENSE

30 BUICKS

31 ONER

32 MOTET

33 BLISS

34 SPOT

35 BREAK

36 RATE

37 STOLEN

38 ALLEN

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There's No Other Hope

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J4

♥ K64

♦ J7

♣ QJ9752

WEST

♠ A10853

♥ 832

♦ 43

♣ 63

EAST

♠ K6

♥ Q975

♦ A10852

♣ A4

SOUTH

♠ Q72

♥ AJ10

♦ KQ96

♣ K108

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10 Dble 2+ 3+

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Your first play, though hard to think of, is easy enough to justify. There is no chance for the contract unless you can stop the spades from being run. The bidding and East's first play strongly suggest that West has six spades to the A-10-9. If the situation is otherwise - let's say West has only five spades - the contract is hopeless.

It therefore becomes correct to play West for his actual spade holding and East for the two minor suit aces - which he must have for his opening bid. There is no other hope.

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(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Leisure-time activities lead to romantic introductions. You'll meet someone with whom you share much. Travel is also highlighted.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You won't be bored today, as exciting times are in store for you. Towards nightfall opportunity comes around home base.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

You may invite someone over on the spur of the moment. Relations with close ties are happily accented after dark.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You may be pleasantly surprised today and you'll also

meet with new chances for financial gain. Shopping leads to major purchases.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

After some shaky afternoon moments, the prospects improve for romance toward nightfall. Go out for good times!

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A surprise telephone call or visitor lights up your day. Home-based activities are especially favored in the evening.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Happy times come through travel and local visits. Others find you charming and your personality goes over to good effect.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

New acquaintances stimulate you mentally and late evening financial developments should please you. Avoid hurried decisions when shopping.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You'll gain some useful business information and social life looks very promising. Your popularity is definitely on the upswing.

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International

Leader warns of armed uprising

Armor rolls into Polish cities

WARSAW, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — Columns of light armored trucks rolled into Szczecin Thursday night and 200 militia vehicles took up positions around the Lenin naval shipyards in Gdansk, said travelers from the Baltic port cities who arrived here Friday.

They said armored vehicles were already patrolling the streets of Szczecin in a show of force ahead of Aug. 31, the date marking the signing of the Gdansk accords which led to the founding of the trade union federation Solidarity.

On Tuesday there was an attempt at a strike at the Adolf Warski shipyards, according to the authorities. The management threatened

to close the plant, which employs 10,000. In Gdansk, the sources said, about 150 lorries belonging to the "Zomos" — anti-riot squads — and 50 police cars were posted near the Lenin dockyards.

Meanwhile, a Communist Party leader has said demonstrations against martial law planned for next week are a prelude for a general strike and could lead to an armed uprising.

Kazimierz Barcikowski, a member of the party's ruling Politburo, was quoted by the official press Friday as saying: "We are facing a great political threat." Barcikowski was speaking to party members at the Warski shipyards in Szczecin, where there was a demonstration in favor of the suspended Solidarity trade union and an apparently unheeded call for a strike last week.

He said calls for demonstrations next week coinciding with the anniversary of agreements setting up Solidarity in 1980 "are meant as a preparatory phase to precede an all-out strike." "This in turn would precede an armed uprising if that is what the overthrow of the socio-political system of People's Poland requires."

Barcikowski was one of the signatories of an agreement signed in Szczecin on Aug. 30, 1980, settling one of the key strikes in that summer of workers unrest which led to Solidarity's creation.

In his speech Thursday, also broadcast on state television, he accused underground leaders of "counterrevolutionary" hostility and unforgivable stupidity. "This stupidity leads directly to crimes against (one's) own nation and state."

His grave warning followed an official campaign to isolate as terrorists and madmen the organizers of anti-government demonstrations which Interior Minister Gen. Czes-

law Kiszczak has said could end in bloodshed.

Underground leaders called for mass peaceful demonstrations in major cities to press demands for release of internees and amnesty for those convicted under martial law, and some form of national agreement between the authorities and the people.

Kiszczak and the official media have said the organizers of the demonstrations are planning violence. The local Szczecin newspaper said they were "madmen, running around with lit torches trying to set Poland on fire again." The minister said iron bars, sticks, bottles filled with petrol and metal spikes were being prepared as well as first aid centers for the injured.

The organizers "have nothing in common with a union but a lot in common with terrorism," he said.

Shrinking merchant navies alarm NATO commander

BRUSSELS, Aug. 27 (R) — A top NATO commander has expressed alarm at the shrinking size of the West's merchant navies, expected to play a vital role in supporting maritime operations in a war.

Adm. Sir John Fieldhouse, who led the British forces in the Falkland campaign, said in an interview in the *NATO Review* monthly that one of the most impressive aspects of the operations there was the merchant navy's support.

At one stage, Britain had 35 merchant ships with over 2,000 sailors, in addition to the fleet auxiliary ships, engaged in support of the forces in the South Atlantic, he said. The admiral, who is also NATO's commander in chief, added: "I see this fact against a background of recession in the merchant fleets of the West and I find it alarming."

The admiral noted that supporting the relatively small British task force in the South Atlantic had required a "pipeline" containing about a half a million tons of fuel and stores at any given time.

"Multiply this up to the scale demanded by the Supreme Allied Commander Europe's

South Korea accepts Japan pledge on books

SEOUL, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The South Korean government, in an apparent move to end a month-long diplomatic row over amendments to Japanese history textbooks, Friday accepted Tokyo's promise to correct the books in two years' time, although the opposition was still dissatisfied with the Japanese move.

In a public statement, Culture Information Lee Jin-Hui acknowledged receiving a memorandum from the Japanese government Thursday saying it would take the responsibility in correcting the disputed passages.

Meanwhile, the textbooks — which, according to critics in Asia, gloss over atrocities committed by Japanese imperial

troops before and during World War II — will go into classrooms for the next school year starting in April 1983.

"We consider this promise by the Japanese government as an affirmative response to our repeated demands for corrections and to Korean public opinion on this matter," Lee declared. However, the statement noted the Japanese memorandum fell "far short of our expectations" as the disputed textbooks are not to be corrected until 1985.

In sharp contrast to the government's conciliatory tone, the major parliamentary opposition Democratic Korea Party strongly criticized what it said was Japan's delaying tactic in trying to obscure the issue. Party spokesman Kim Jin-Bae asked bluntly: "Why should it take two years or more to correct the wrongs?"

Meanwhile, the pro-government Democratic Justice Party said it was not satisfied with the Japanese decision not to correct the textbooks immediately. When the dispute broke out last month, bilateral negotiations, which had already dragged on for over a year on Seoul's request for a massive \$6,000-million aid package, were totally suspended.

South Korea needs these financial loans to carry out various projects envisaged in its fifth five-year development plan which began this year. The Seoul government also apparently wanted to put a stop to mounting anti-Japanese sentiment that might be used as a good pretext for anti-government agitation by the nation's university students, now coming to campus after a long summer vacation.

Czechs detain U.S., U.K. aides

PRAGUE, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The U.S. and British military attaches were detained by Czechoslovak authorities for 13 hours Thursday, it was learned here Friday.

Western sources said the U.S. and British embassies were expected to lodge an official protest over the detention of U.S. Col. Robert Piper and British Col. Jeremy Carter by Czechoslovak soldiers.

The sources said the two officers were detained outside a restaurant at Strazice, near Pilsen, 80 kilometers west of Prague. They had been taken to the town hall for questioning, according to the sources. They were released during the night following intervention by the embassies when the two failed to return to Prague as planned Thursday evening.

The U.S. and British embassies described the incident as a "violation of the diplomatic status" of the two attaches, who were prevented from communicating with their embassies, the sources said. Similar incidents occurred early last year involving Canadian Col. Michael Zymniak, British Maj. Oliver Knight and French officers Lt.-Col. Jean Paul Huet and Maj. Michel Hudelst.

Mafia clans fighting it out in Sicily

NAPLES, Aug. 27 (AFP) — A three-year-old gangland war is raging as fiercely as ever in Italy, as rival mobsters try to dominate the multimillion-dollar heroin market.

The war is being fought between several Sicilian Mafia clans and their Calabrian counterparts known as the "N'Drangheta," rounded off by hoodlums in the "Camorra," the Neapolitan underworld.

Gang killings this year in Naples and its environs total 181 and in Sicily 96, with 21 kidnappings. The independent Milan newspaper *Corriere Della Sera* concluded in a recent report on the Mafia and drug rackets that "Sicilianization" was spreading over the whole country. It noted that drug trafficking was not simply a cancer in the nation which attracted the Mafia and its rivals, but a completely new phenomenon with ramifications throughout the Mediterranean basin.

The drug network spreads from supply sources in Lebanon and Turkey to clandestine processing "laboratories" in Italy, which are under the total control of the Mafia. *Corriere Della Sera* calculated that the Mafia makes an annual profit of about \$1.430 million on heroin alone.

Four of their recently seized clandestine plants in Sicily processed 50 kilos of morphine into heroin weekly. One kilo of heroin has an estimated market sale value of \$50 million in the United States.

Recently, the Mafia and the Camorra have agreed to split the international drug market, with the former supplying heroin to north America and the latter cocaine to Latin American countries.

Police consider they seize only one-twentieth of Mafia-processed heroin, and the rest reaches its markets in various ways. A carabinieri (paramilitary police) report issued in Naples showed that the Camorra's income from drugs in the 1970s was equivalent to only one percent of its income from cigarette smuggling.

But toward the end of the last decade, its heroin trafficking started to soar, and today brings in 20 percent of its annual income. Police suspect that heroin processing "laboratories," which have a characteristic smell easily picked up by tracker dogs, have been installed secretly on the slopes of Mount Vesuvius so that this odor can be concealed in the volcano's sulphurous fumes.

Meanwhile, couriers smuggle in cocaine through the Frankfurt, Zurich and Copenhagen airports, and they are difficult to spot. But recently 22 kilos of cocaine was seized at Frankfurt airport and the "Peruvian connection" was reportedly smashed, for the time being at any rate.

Corriere Della Sera sadly concluded its survey: "The drug industry today has become a multinational concern."

Union insists on protests

WARSAW, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Solidarity's clandestine provisional national committee (TKK) has decided to maintain its call for mass peaceful demonstrations throughout Poland on Aug. 31, second anniversary of the Gdansk accords. The call is maintained in the latest issue of the union's Warsaw region publication *Tygodnik Mazowiec*.

The publication cites TKK member Zbigniew Bujak as saying that the union was aware there could be "victims" as a result of this decision. But he pointed out that (spontaneous) demonstrations were taking place all the time and being put down by the authorities. Such demonstrations were more dangerous than those organized and directed on a national scale.

The state had to disperse its forces to cope with national demonstrations, he said.

Volcano forces flights diversion

CANBERRA, Aug. 27 (R) — International flights over Indonesia have again been diverted because of a volcanic eruption, the Australian Aviation Ministry said Friday. In June and July two jumbo jets, one of British Airways and the other Singapore Airlines, were forced to make emergency landings after volcanic dust from the Mount Galunggung Volcano southeast of Jakarta caused some or all of their engines to cut out temporarily.

Since then, Australian and Indonesian authorities have been closely monitoring volcanic dust. An aviation ministry spokesman said Friday Indonesian authorities had reported a number of violent eruptions in Northern Sulawesi.

He added that a Cathay Pacific airliner Thursday reported dust up to 50,000 feet from Mount Soputan, south of north Sulawesi's largest city Oemadano. The spokesman said airlift were now being rerouted round the area which included the international flight route between Darwin, Manila and Hong Kong.

Cosmonauts return

MOSCOW, Aug. 27 (AFP) — Three Soviet cosmonauts, including the second woman in space, landed their Soyuz T-5 spacecraft safely in Central Asia Friday after eight days in space, the Tass news agency said.

Svetlana Savitskaya and her two colleagues, Alexander Serebrov and Leonid Popov, had detached from the orbiting *Salyut-7* space station Friday afternoon.

Spain House dissolved

PALMA, Majorca Aug. 27 (AFP) — King Juan Carlos dissolved the Spanish Parliament Friday, the Spanish news agency EFE announced. The date of anticipated general elections was not immediately announced. Politicians are predicting that they be held in November.

Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo left Madrid for Palma earlier in the day to seek the king's approval for the dissolution, necessary under Spanish law. The king is vacationing here.

Spain's ruling center democratic coalition has been rocked recently by the resignation of several members of parliament, including that of former Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, who has established his own Center Democratic and Social Party.

Lardelino Lavilla, president of the ruling Union of the Democratic Center (UCD), has said he expects elections within three months. He indicated that the UCD, stripped by defections of its working majority in parliament, would be incapable of winning its first major legislative battle of the autumn — the budget.

"The composition of the Congress (lower house) makes it difficult to imagine that the budget will be approved with ease," he told reporters Thursday. Calvo Sotelo himself had said the elections, in which the opposition Socialists are favored, would be held "soon."

The UCD has lost a quarter of its deputies in the Congress to newly created rival centrist parties over the past several months. It has now almost the same number of seats as the Socialist Party.

Row over Taipei 'still unresolved'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (AFP) — The Sino-U.S. controversy over Taipei is still unresolved, Chinese Ambassador Chai Zemin said Thursday after a talk here with Secretary of State George Shultz. There will be "future discussions" of the Taiwan question, the ambassador told newsmen.

Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs John Holdridge said of the talk: "We were just putting the relationship back on track after ten months of long and arduous discussions (that resulted in the Aug. 17 joint communiqué on Taiwan). We believe we can look forward to an improved and expanded relationship."

Nonaligned yet to decide on venue

MAPUTO, Mozambique, Aug. 27 (Agencies) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi left the Mozambique capital of Maputo Friday after a three-day official visit at the invitation of President Samora Machel.

Mrs. Gandhi, who paid a similar visit to Mauritius before arriving in Maputo Wednesday, flew to the Seychelles, scene of an abortive military coup last week. In Maputo, Gandhi and Machel called on the big powers to allow demilitarization of the Indian Ocean.

Mrs. Gandhi also said that no definite decision had been made to hold next month's summit conference of the nonaligned

movement in New Delhi. The summit had been scheduled for Baghdad, but the continuing war between Iraq and Iran, both members of the movement, has made it necessary to search for a new venue.

India had been asked by Iraq to host the meeting and there was widespread backing for a New Delhi summit. But the movement still had to agree on a procedure to make the final decision, she said. "If everyone wants us to host the meeting, we'll have it. But it is not in our hands. We would like a decision as soon as possible," she added.

Harare gets second ransom note

HARARE, Aug. 27 (AFP) — dissident former guerrillas have sent a second ransom note to Zimbabwean authorities, indicating that six foreign tourists kidnapped in southwestern Zimbabwe last month are still alive, it was reported here Friday.

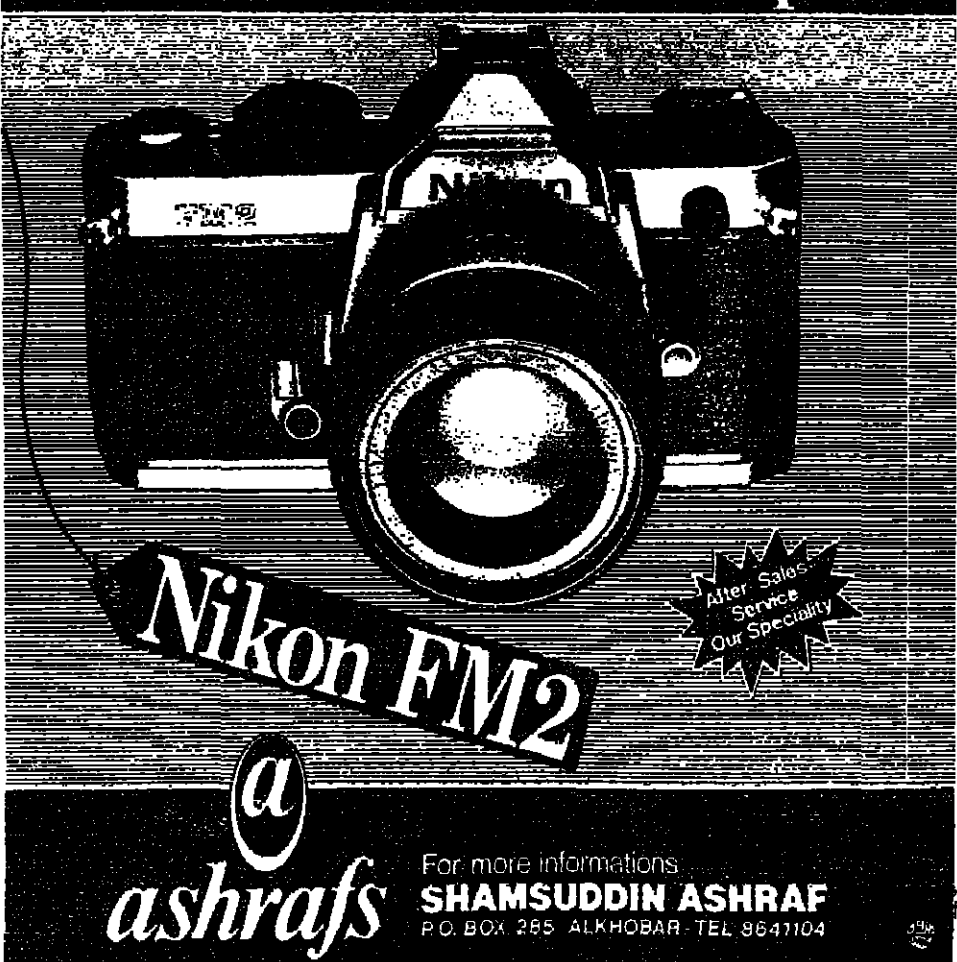
The national daily, *Herald*, backing up a statement two days ago by minority leader Joshua Nkomo that the six were still being held, said that a census supervisor was held up by five dissidents last week in the southwestern Nkaya area and given a note repeating demands that several jailed members of

Nkomo's party be released from detention. In the first note the captors threatened to kill their hostages unless their demands were met.

But the census supervisor, reported by the *Herald*, said the dissidents told him the six hostages — two British, two Australian and two American men — were thin and weak because they would not eat sadza, the local staple food that is a stiff maize porridge.

Nkomo told a rally in Nkayi Wednesday that he had heard a similar story.

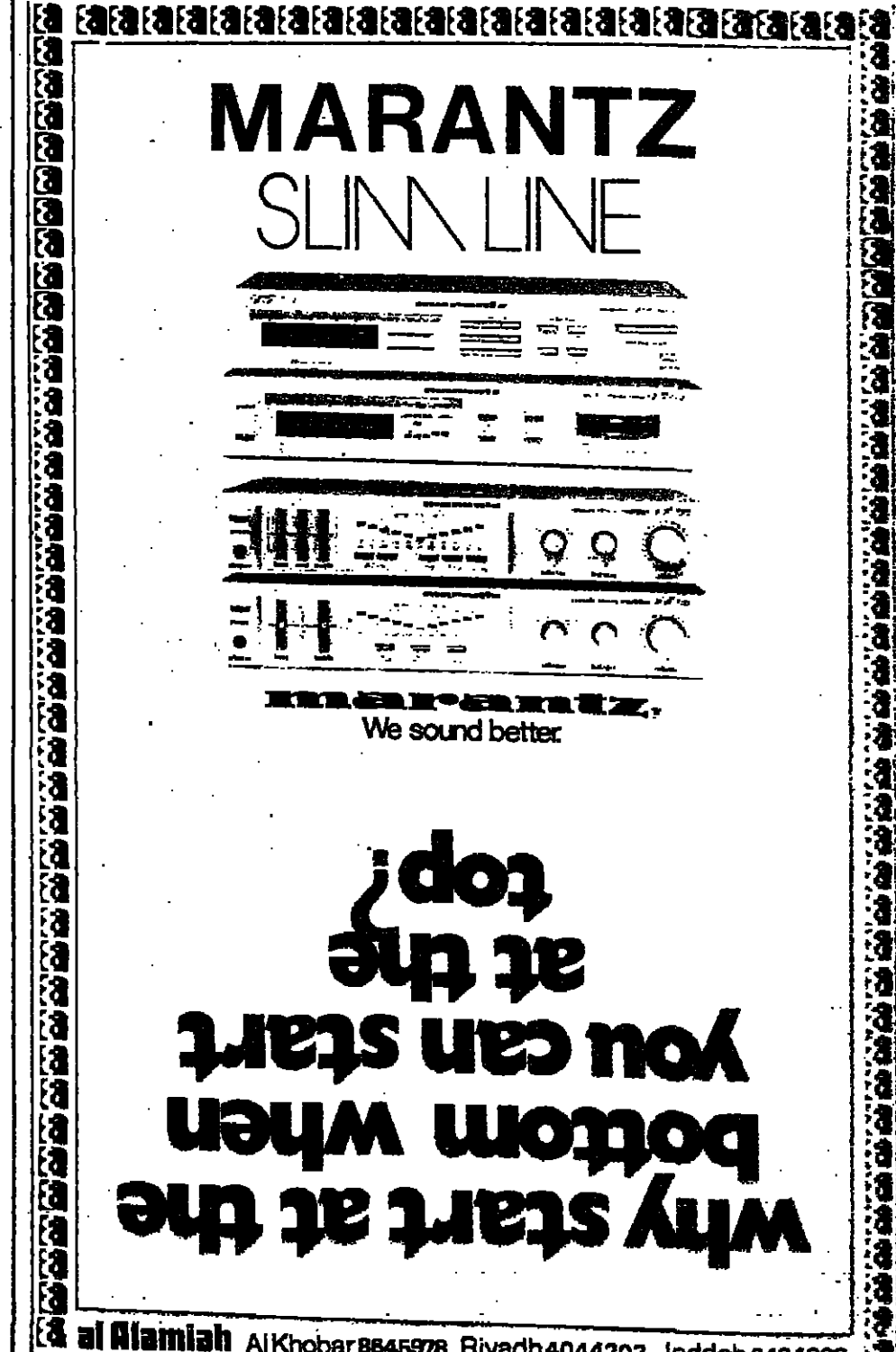
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